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To the regents of the University of the State of New York

I have the honor to report as follows for the year ending Sep. 30, 1898.

The libraries and institutes under University supervision are as follows:

Standard and provisional charters granted by the University	122
Limited charter granted by the University	1
Admitted to University with existing charters	22
Registered	64
Total	209

LIBRARIES CHARTERED, REGISTERED AND TRANSFERRED

During the year 10 provisional library charters were granted by the regents involving the transfer of one district library. Nine were established in places where there were no previously existing libraries open to the public. Four of these resulted from efforts of women's clubs. One provisional charter issued in 1893 was made absolute.

Nine libraries were registered as maintaining a proper standard, seven of which were in the city of New York.

In one case 732 volumes were transferred from a district library to a chartered free library in the same village.

The following tables show the location, name, number of volumes and property of each library chartered, registered and transferred during the year.

Libraries chartered and registered Oct. 1, 1897—Sep. 30, 1898

No.	Postoffice	Corporate name	Volumes	Property
		Provisional charters for 5 years		
1	Aurora	Aurora public library	50	$280 45
2	Bolivar	Bolivar free library	.....	200
3	Canisteo	Wimodanghsian free library	.....	25
4	Fillmore	Wide-awake club library	15	350
5	Friendship	Friendship free library	313	241 65
6	Hollis	Hollis public library	482	575 21
7	Morton Corners	Woodside public library	.....	200
8	Red Hook	Red Hook public library	.....	237 79
9	South Otselic	South Otselic public library	.....	75
10	Wadhams Mills	Wadhams Mills free library	86	.....
		Provisional charter made absolute		
1	Springville	Springville public library	2 708	2 947
		Total	3 654	$5 132 10
		Registered as maintaining a proper library standard		
1	Brooklyn	Brooklyn public library	9 808	$9 200
2	Brooklyn	Union for Chris'n work free lend'g lib.	40 122	101 100
3	Depew	R. R. Y. M. C. A. library	850	700
4	Gouverneur	Gouverneur reading room ass'n	1 709	5 224 71
5	New York	Bedford Park club library	35	215
6	New York	Harlem library	19 000	70 617
7	New York	Manhattan East Side Mission lib.	3 000	600
8	New York	N. Y. free cir. lib. Yorkville branch	6 977	.....
9	New York	Tenement house chapter library	500	395
		Total registered	82 001	$188 051 71

Library transfers approved Oct. 1, 1897—Sep. 30, 1898

No.	From	To	Vols
1	Bd. of educ., Hollis	Hollis public library	486
2	Union school, Westfield	Patterson library	732
			1218

LIBRARIES AND INSTITUTES IN THE UNIVERSITY

The following table of libraries and institutes in the University includes all that have come into this relation under the University law of 1892.

The state library and the libraries of 595 teaching institutions are not included, nor those registered as maintaining a proper standard. The list contains those only that have a distinct corporate existence and are in the University by charter or admission. Many details are given that could not readily be obtained for other libraries. Except the Grosvenor library and the library of the Society of natural sciences in Buffalo, and the Quogue library, all are free for lending.

The number of library and institute corporations in the University is 143. Three of these were originally chartered by special acts of legislature, 23 were incorporated under general laws and 121 now hold standard or provisional University charters, four having been reincorporated. 60 of the charters are provisional for five years from the date of the grant, indicating that the property, including books, is not yet valued at $1000.

The libraries in the University, located in 49 different counties, contain 473,059 volumes, or 51,777 more than in 1897. Their circulation for the year has reached 1,686,607 volumes or 238,700 more than in 1897.

a Libraries and institutes in the

No.	Postoffice	County	NAME
1	Addison	Steuben	Addison public library
2	Albany *i*	Albany	Albany free library
3	Albion	Orleans	Albion public library
4	Alexandria Bay	Jefferson	Holland library of Alexandria Bay
5	Allen's Hill	Ontario	Allen's Hill free circ. library ass'n
6	Amsterdam	Montgomery	Amsterdam library ass'n
7	Angelica *i*	Allegany	Angelica library ass'n
8	Aquebogue	Suffolk	Northville public library
9	Arkport *i*	Steuben	Arkport public library
10	Aurora *i*	Cayuga	Aurora public library
11	Ballston Spa *i*	Saratoga	Ballston public library
12	Bath-on-Hudson *i*	Rensselaer	North Greenbush dist. no. 6 public lib.
13	Belmont *i*	Allegany	Belmont lit. and hist. soc. free library
14	Bolivar *i*	Allegany	Bolivar free library
15	Boonville	Oneida	Erwin library and institute
16	Brooklyn *i*	Kings	Bay Ridge free library
17	Brooklyn	Kings	Fort Hamilton free library
18	Brooklyn *i*	Kings	New Utrecht free library (Bath Beach)
19	Buffalo	Erie	Buffalo society of natural sciences
20	Buffalo	Erie	Grosvenor public library
21	Caldwell	Warren	Lake George free library
22	Camden *i*	Oneida	Camden library ass'n
23	Canaan Four Corners	Columbia	Canaan public library
24	Canandaigua *i*	Ontario	Wood library ass'n
25	Canastota *i*	Madison	Canastota public library
26	Canisteo *i*	Steuben	Winodaughsian free library
27	Canton	St Lawrence	Canton free library
28	Catskill	Greene	Catskill public library
29	Claverack	Columbia	Claverack free lib. and read'g room ass'n
30	Corning *i*	Steuben	Corning free library
31	Cornwall	Orange	Cornwall public library
32	Cornwall-on-Hudson	Orange	Cornwall-on-Hudson public library
33	Crown Point *i*	Essex	Chapel library
34	Dansville	Livingston	Dansville public library
35	Dryden	Tompkins	Southworth library ass'n
36	East Chatham	Columbia	East Chatham public library
37	Easton	Washington	Easton library ass'n
38	Elizabethtown *i*	Essex	Elizabethtown library ass'n
39	Ellenville	Ulster	Ellenville public library
40	Fairport	Monroe	Fairport public library

i Libraries inspected.

a Not including the state library or the

University, June 30, 1898

INCORPORATED		Admitted	YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1898—VOLUMES		TRUSTEES		No.
By *b*	Date		Total	Circulation	No.	Elected by	
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	2 764	7,840	3	District	1
R	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	3 498	17 553	10	Contrib's of $1 each during year	2
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	2 935	7 097	9	Mem. of bd of ed'n trust's ex off.	3
R*p*	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	1 053	8 796	5	Bd of education	4
R*p*	28 F 95	28 F 95	445	1 050	5	Corporation	5
G	3 O 91	26 Je 95	3 752	45 418	19	Corporation	6
R	21 N 95	21 N 95	2 253	4 038	7	Corporation	7
R*p*	15 O 95	15 O 96	637	1 461	5	School districts	8
R*p*	5 Jl 94	5 Jl 94	.....	.....	6	Bd of education	9
R*p*	4 N 97	4 N 97	678	1 358	5	Trustees of sch. dist. 6, Ledyard	10
R*p*	9 F 93	9 F 93	1 229	4 800	5	Village	11
R*p*	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	?1 614	6 459	4	Bd of education	12
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	2 230	5 605	5	Society	13
R*p*	4 N 97	4 N 97	470	1,434	5	Bolivar sorosis	14
G	6 Je 85	8 F 94	3 324	8,984	5	Corporation	15
G R	13 Mr 91 21 Je 93	21 Je 93	5 492	20 566	9	Corporation	16
R	13 D 93	13 D 93	4 544	13 000	6	Corporation	17
R	28 F 95	28 F 95	2 110	13 128	7	Corporation	18
G R	23 Ja 63 15 O 96	15 O 96	4 056	.....	20	Corporation	19
L	11 Ap 59	5 Je 94	46 278	.....	3	Mayor and common council	20
R*p*	28 F 95	28 F 95	669	1 300	5	Corporation	21
R*p* R	7 Jl 91 24 Je 96	7 Jl 91	1 544	9 563	5	Corporation	22
R*p*	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	708	1 500	5	School district	23
L R	17 Ap 68 24 Je 96	24 Je 93	2 170	11 522	14	12 by corp., town supv. and vill. pres. ex off.	24
R	15 O 96	15 O 96	1 473	7 121	5	Bd of education	25
R*p*	4 N 97	4 N 97	589	1 174	5	Wimodaughsian club	26
R	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	1 612	17 523	5	Corporation	27
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	3 139	39 536	3	Bd of education	28
G	23 Mr 91	5 Je 94	1 493	3 395	11	Corporation	29
G R	3 D 85 1 Mr 97	1 Mr 97	7 801	7 903	11	Corporation	30
R*p*	28 F 95	28 F 95	800	3 000	5	Bd of education	31
R*p*	26 Je 95	26 Je 95	1 657	2 143	5	Bd of education	32
R*p*	12 D 94	12 D 94	1 172	1 630	5	1 for life, 3 by bd ed'n, sch. pr. ex off.	33
R	13 D 92	13 D 93	3 121	14 114	5	Bd of education	34
G	19 My 83	12 D 94	6 475	1 532	7	Corporation	35
R*p*	9 F 93	9 F 93	1 170	1 272	3	School district	36
G	18 Jl 79	28 F 93	855	916	7	Corporation	37
G	8 O 84	26 Je 95	1 885	3 865	6	Corporation	38
R	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	2 455	23 555	5	School district	39
R*p*	21 N 95	21 N 95	773	7 949	5	Bd of education	40

libraries belonging to teaching institutions.
b R incorporated by regents
L " " legislature
G " under general law
p Provisional charter.

a Libraries and institutes in the

No.	Postoffice	County	NAME
41	Fillmore *i*	Allegany	Wide-awake club library
42	Fort Plain	Montgomery	Fort Plain free library
43	Freeport	Queens	Freeport public library
44	Friendship *i*	Allegany	Friendship free library
45	Fulton *i*	Oswego	Fulton public library
46	Gilbertsville	Otsego	Gilbertsville free library
47	Glen Cove	Queens	Glen Cove public library
48	Glen Haven *i*	Cayuga	Glen Haven public library
49	Glens Falls	Warren	Crandall free library
50	Groton	Tompkins	Groton public library
51	Hammondsport	Steuben	Hammondsport public library
52	Haverstraw	Rockland	King's daughters public library
53	Herkimer *i*	Herkimer	Herkimer free library
54	Highland Falls	Orange	Highland Falls library
55	Hilton	Monroe	Hilton public library
56	Hollis	Queens	Hollis public library
57	Hornellsville *i*	Steuben	Hornell free library ass'n
58	Hunter *i*	Greene	Hunter public library
59	Ilion *i*	Herkimer	Ilion district library
60	Jamestown *i*	Chautauqua	James Prendergast library ass'n
61	Jordanville	Herkimer	Jordanville public library
62	Joshua's Rock	Warren	Mountainside free library
63	Keene Valley *i*	Essex	Keene Valley public library
64	Kingston	Ulster	Ponckhockie public library
65	Lake Placid *i*	Essex	Lake Placid public library
66	Liberty	Sullivan	Liberty public library
67	Liverpool *i*	Onondaga	Liverpool public library
68	Lockport	Niagara	Lockport public library
69	Long Island City *i*	Queens	Long Island City public library
70	Madalin	Dutchess	Tivoli public library
71	Malone	Franklin	Wadhams reading circle
72	Marathon	Cortland	Peck memorial library ass'n
73	Massena	St Lawrence	Massena library
74	Mellenville	Columbia	Mellenville public library
75	Mohawk *i*	Herkimer	Mohawk public library
76	Montour Falls	Schuyler	Montour Falls free library
77	Morristown	St Lawrence	Morristown public library
78	Morton Corners *i*	Erie	Woodside public library
79	Mt Vernon *i*	Westchester	Mt Vernon public library
80	Nanuet	Rockland	Nanuet public library

i Libraries inspected

a Not including the state library or the

University, June 30, 1898 (*continued*)

Incorporated		Admitted	Year ending June 30, 1898—Volumes		Trustees		No.
By *b*	Date		Total	Circulation	No.	Elected by	
R*p*	4 N 97	4 N 97	529	2 352	3	Wide awake club	41
R	5 Je 94	5 Je 94	1 144	5 699	8	Contributors of $1 previous year	42
R*p*	21 N 95	21 N 95	1 391	4 529	5	Bd of education	43
R*p*	27 Je 98	27 Je 98	346	.....	7	Contributors of $1 previous year pres. bd of educ. ex off.	44
R	21 N 95	21 N 95	? 2 175	.....	5	District	45
G	8 My 91	12 D 94	1 296	3 971	8	Corporation	46
R*p* / R	12 D 94 / 18 Mr 97	12 D 94	2 341	3 406	5	3 by sch. dist., 2 by bd of educat'n	47
R*p*	13 D 93	13 D 93	875	1 467	5	District	48
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	7 532	36 253	17	Henry Crandall	49
R*p*	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	778	2 069	5	Bd of education	50
R	15 O 96	15 O 96	1 663	8 158	5	Bd of education	51
R	21 N 95	21 N 95	1 900	7 306	5	King's daughters	52
R	21 N 95	21 N 95	6 281	23 382	17	15 by corp., village pres. & sup't sch. ex off.	53
R	17 D 96	17 D 96	1 728	6 320	6	Corporation	54
R*p*	9 F 93	9 F 93	1 062	3 519	5	Village trustees	55
R*p*	4 N 97	4 N 97	936	1 293	7	Corporation	56
G	6 Ap 68	21 Je 93	?10 000	32 333	9	Corporation	57
R*p*	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	661	1 459	5	District	58
R	13 D 93	13 D 93	1 196	5 393	5	Mgrs. Ilion pub. lib. are tr. ex off.	59
L	29 Ja 80	5 Je 94	13 615	57 796	7	Corporation	60
R*p*	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	825	1 809	5	School district	61
R*p*	5 Jl 94	5 Jl 94	537	? 1 075	7	Corporation	62
R*p*	13 D 93	13 D 93	1 431	.....	9	Association	63
R*p*	21 N 95	21 N 95	1 272	4 643	3	Bd of education	64
R	12 D 94	12 D 94	1 642	4 292	5	District	65
R*p*	5 Je 94	5 Je 94	1 350	2 060	5	Bd education	66
R*p*	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	849	849	3	School district	67
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	6 409	17 850	3	Bd of education	68
R	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	10 567	23 135	5	Corporation	69
R*p*	5 Je 94	5 Je 94	844	3 650	3	School district	70
G	18 Je 95	21 N 95	851	3 296	5	Corporation	71
G	12 D 93	5 Je 95	2 030	6 521	5	Corporation	72
R*p*	28 Je 97	28 Je 97	575	1 188	5	Corporation	73
R*p*	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	404	657	3	School district	74
R*p*	13 D 93	13 D 93	1 079	4 045	3	District	75
R*p*	5 Je 94	5 Je 94	1 002	4 703	5	Corporation	76
R*p*	5 Je 94	5 Je 94	776	2 439	5	Corporation	77
R*p*	27 Je 98	27 Je 98	.....	.....	4	Corporation	78
R	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	7 133	48 112	5	Bd of education	79
R*p*	12 D 94	12 D 94	1 210	1 021	3	School district trustees	80

libraries belonging to teaching institutions.
b R incorporated by regents *p* Provisional charter.
L " " legislature
G " under general law

a Libaries and institutes in the

No.	Postoffice	County	NAME
81	Nassau	Rensselaer	Nassau free library
82	New Rochelle *i*	Westchester	New Rochelle public library
83	New York	New York	Cathedral free circulating library
84	New York *i*	New York	St Agnes free library
85	Newark	Wayne	Newark free public library
86	Newfield	Tompkins	Newfield public library
87	Niagara Falls	Niagara	Niagara Falls public library
88	North Tonawanda	Niagara	North Tonawanda public library
89	Nyack	Rockland	Nyack library
90	Ogdensburg	St Lawrence	Ogdensburg public library
91	Oneonta	Otsego	Oneonta public library
92	Oyster Bay	Queens	Oyster Bay people's library
93	Penn Yan	Yates	Penn Yan public library
94	Philmont	Columbia	Philmont public library
95	Pine Plains	Dutchess	Pine Plains free library
96	Plattsburg *i*	Clinton	Plattsburg public library
97	Pleasantville	Westchester	Pleasantville library ass'n
98	Pocantico Hills	Westchester	Pocantico Hills lyceum
99	Poplar Ridge	Cayuga	Hazard library ass'n
100	Port Henry *i*	Essex	Sherman free library
101	Port Jervis	Orange	Port Jervis free library
102	Port Washington	Queens	Port Washington free library
103	Potsdam	St Lawrence	Potsdam public library and reading room
104	Quogue	Suffolk	Quogue library
105	Red Hook *i*	Dutchess	Red Hook public library
106	Riverhead	Suffolk	Riverhead free library
107	Rockville Center	Queens	Rockville Center public library
108	Rome *i*	Oneida	Jervis library ass'n
109	Saugerties	Ulster	Saugerties public library
110	Schenectady	Schenectady	Schenectady free public library
111	Schuylerville	Saratoga	Schuylerville public library
112	Seacliff	Queens	Seacliff public library
113	Seaford	Queens	DeLancey Floyd-Jones free library
114	Shelter Island	Suffolk	Shelter Island public library society
115	Sherburne	Chenango	Sherburne public library
116	Sidney	Delaware	Sidney public library
117	Sinclairville	Chautauqua	Sinclairville free library
118	Sing Sing	Westchester	Sing Sing public library
119	South Otselic *i*	Chenango	South Otselic public library
120	Southampton	Suffolk	Rogers memorial library

i Libraries inspected

a Not including the state library or the

University, June 30, 1898 (*continued*)

Incorporated		Admitted	Year ending June 30, 1898—Volumes		Trustees		No.
By *b*	Date *		Total	Circulation	No.	Elected by	
R*p*	15 N 93	15 N 93	690	? 3 900	12	Association	81
R	5 Jl 94	5 Jl 94	5 990	29 815	5	Bd of education	82
R	15 O 96	15 O 96	28 533	141 763	7	Corporation	83
R	5 Je 94	5 Je 94	4 780	72 771	5	Corporation	84
R*p*	18 Mr 97	18 Mr 97	1 371	7 894	10	Village trustees	85
R*p*	12 D 94	12 D 94	545	1 099	6	5 by lib. ass'n, pr. bd of ed. ex off.	86
R	28 F 95	28 F 95	5 052	33 488	5	3 by bd ed., m'r & pr. bd ed. ex off.	87
R	13 D 93	13 D 93	3 223	9 382	5	Bd of education	88
G	10 S 90	5 Je 94	4 741	26 708	11	Corporation	89
R	13 D 93	13 D 93	8 388	23 471	5	Mayor	90
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	5 020	24 131	5	School district	91
R*p*	12 D 94	12 D 94	1 700	4 425	7	Corporation	92
R	21 N 95	21 N 95	2 404	11 709	5	Bd of education	93
R*p*	23 D 93	13 D 93	1 092	3 566	3	District	94
R	26 Je 95	26 Je 95	2 289	.....	5	Town auditors trustees ex officio	95
R*p*	5 Je 95	5 Je 95	2 062	13 714	13	Village trustees	96
G	7 My 94	21 N 95	1 200	2 931	8	Corporation	97
G	29 Mr 93	12 D 94	1 286	1 651	9	Corporation	98
G	31 D 89	26 Je 95	1 179	740	6	Corporation	99
R	13 D 93	13 D 93	4 856	10 345	7	Acc. to Sherman deed of trust	100
R	29 S 92	29 S 92	8 333	26 636	5	School district	101
R*p*	21 N 95	21 N 95	505	1 924	7	Corporation	102
R	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	1 463	6 067	5	Village	103
R	28 Je 97	28 Je 97	.....	.....	6	Corporation	104
R*p*	27 Je 98	27 Je 98	.....	.....	5	Village trustees	105
R*p*	15 O 96	15 O 96	700	1 400	15	Corporation	106
R*p*	5 Je 94	5 Je 94	1 857	8 069	5	Bd of education	107
G	13 D 94	28 F 95	12 112	42 606	9	Corporation	108
R	5 Je 94	5 Je 94	2 567	8 125	3	Bd of education	109
R	12 D 94	12 D 94	5 954	33 354	7	5 by corp. m'r & sup. of sch. ex off.	110
R*p*	12 D 94	12 D 94	.....	.....	3	Bd of education	111
R*p*	12 D 94	12 D 94	818	3 516	5	Seacliff improvement ass'n	112
R	15 O 96	15 O 96	1 000	618	9	Corporation	113
G	27 Ja 86	17 D 96	1 759	4 590	9	Corporation	114
R*p*	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	1 405	2 654	5	Bd of education	115
R	26 Je 95	26 Je 95	2 049	8 100	5	Bd of education	116
R	12 D 94	12 D 94	1 521	2 411	6	Corporation	117
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	4 640	17 268	3	School district	118
R*p*	27 Je 98	27 Je 98	.....	.....	5	Bd of education	119
G	24 Ja 93	24 Je 96	3 412	10 011	6	Corporation	120

libraries belonging to teaching institutions.

b R incorporated by regents *p* Provisional charter.
L " " legislature
G " under general law

a Libraries and institutes in the

No.	Postoffice	County	NAME
121	Springfield Center	Otsego	Springfield free library
122	Springville *i*	Erie	Springville public library
123	Syracuse *i*	Onondaga	Syracuse central library
124	Tomkins Cove	Rockland	Tomkins Cove public library
125	Tonawanda	Erie	Tonawanda public library
126	Troy	Rensselaer	Troy children's neighborhood library
127	Troy	Rensselaer	Young women's ass'n of the city of Troy
128	Trumansburg	Tompkins	Trumansburg public library
129	Utica *i*	Oneida	Utica public library
130	Van Etten *i*	Chemung	Van Etten public library
131	Vernon	Oneida	Vernon public library
132	Wadhams Mills	Essex	Wadhams Mills free library ass'n
133	Waterford	Saratoga	Waterford public library
134	Waterville	Oneida	Waterville public library
135	Watkins	Schuyler	Watkins public library
136	Wellsville *i*	Allegany	Wellsville public library
137	West Winfield	Herkimer	West Winfield free library
138	Westbury	Cayuga	Green Wood library
139	Westfield *i*	Chautauqua	Patterson library
140	Westhampton Beach	Suffolk	Westhampton free library ass'n
141	Westport *i*	Essex	Westport library ass'n
142	Yonkers	Westchester	Women's institute of Yonkers
143	Yonkers	Westchester	Yonkers public library

i Libraries inspected

a Not including the state library or the

University, June 30, 1898 (*concluded*)

Incorporated		Admitted	Year ending June 30, 1898—Volumes		Trustees		No.
By *b*	Date		Total	Circulation	No.	Elected by	
Rp	26 Je 95	26 Je 95	338	381	3	Springfield library ass'n	121
R *Rp*	27 Je 98 13 D 93	13 D 93	2 715	11 438	3	Bd of education	122
R	13 D 93	13 D 93	38 304	145 943	7	5 by m'r, m'r & sup't of sch. ex off.	123
Rp	17 D 96	17 D 96	321	495	3	School district	124
R	13 D 93	13 D 93	983	3 492	3	Bd of education	125
Rp	12 D 94	12 D 94	.....	.....	5	Corporation	126
G	15 Je 85	2 D 94	1 526	5 250	5	Corporation	127
Rp	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	904	986	6	Bd of education	128
R	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	25 091	139 336	7	5 by cor., m'r & ch. sch. com. ex off.	129
Rp	21 N 95	21 N 95	589	? 1 545	5	District	130
Rp	21 N 95	21 N 95	342	1 457	5	Young people's union	131
Rp	4 N 97	4 N 97	193	1 171	5	Corporation	132
R	28 F 95	28 F 95	2 350	9 025	3	Bd of education	133
R	28 F 95	28 F 95	? 2 549	2 962	3	Bd of education	134
R	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	2 979	7 940	3	Bd of education	135
Rp R	5 Je 94 18 Mr 97	5 Je 94	3 718	6 658	7	Village trustees	136
Rp R	12 D 94 28 Je 97	12 D 94	1 400	2 063	5	Bd of education	137
Rp	21 Je 93	21 Je 93	291	203	3	School district	138
R	19 Mr 96	19 Mr 96	7 148	20 448	7	Corporation	139
Rp	1 Mr 97	1 Mr 97	841	.....	5	Corporation	140
G	16 N 87	21 Je 93	1 824	4 773	6	Corporation	141
G	22 O 92	5 Je 94	3 190	12 441	7	Corporation	142
R	9 F 93	9 F 93	12 131	49 631	5	Bd of education	143
			475 409	1 695 632			

libraries belonging to teaching institutions.

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L " " legislature
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Comparative summary of libraries and institutes in the University, 1893–98

	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
No. of libraries	29	61	93	118	133	143
Volumes	69 956	185 108	258 426	327 310	421 282	475 409
Circulation	192 899	463 963	670 580	988 471	1 447 907	1 695 632
Circulation average per 100 vols.	276	250	259	302	344	356

Founding and control. The following tables show by what action the chartered University libraries have been established in each of the past seven years and by whom their trustees are elected. Out of a total of 120 boards of library control, 34 are appointed by the local boards of education, 23 by school districts and 3 by school officers, showing that one half are still closely related to the school system.

Founding of chartered libraries for years ending Sep. 30

Established by	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	Total
School authorities	----	----	15	10	9	10	3	2	49
School districts	----	1	2	3	3	2	1	1	13
Village trustees	----	----	2	3	----	----	1	1	7
Village	----	----	----	----	----	1	----	----	1
Town	----	----	----	----	1	----	----	----	1
Common councils	----	----	1	2	----	1	----	----	4
Library associations	1	----	4	4	4	4	5	1	23
Other associations	----	----	----	----	2	2	----	4	8
Public meetings	----	----	----	1	1	----	2	----	4
Churches	----	----	----	1	2	----	----	----	3
Private gifts	----	----	1	1	1	2	1	1	7
Total	1	1	25	25	23	22	13	10	120

Control of chartered libraries for years ending Sep. 30

Trustees chosen by	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	Total
Board of education	----	----	5	8	9	9	2	1	34
School trustees	----	----	----	----	1	----	1	1	3
School district	----	1	12	4	2	3	1	----	23
Village trustees	----	----	----	2	----	----	1	1	4
Village voters	----	----	2	----	----	1	----	----	3
Town	----	----	----	----	1	----	----	----	1
Mayor with consent of council	----	----	----	2	----	----	----	----	2
Library trustees	----	----	4	6	7	3	1	----	21
Library association	1	----	----	----	2	4	6	3	16
Other associations	----	----	----	----	1	2	----	3	6
Other library	----	----	----	1	----	----	----	----	1
Contributors of $1 each	----	----	1	2	----	----	----	1	4
Individual benefactor	---	----	1	----	----	----	1	----	2
Total	1	1	25	25	23	22	13	10	120

Number of trustees. Of the new libraries of the year, one has three trustees, one has four, six have five and two have seven. Of 120 chartered libraries

23 have 3 trustees each
1 has 4 "
60 have 5 "
7 " 6 "
14 " 7 "
2 " 8 "
4 " 9 "

2 have 10 trustees each
1 has 11 "
2 have 12 "
1 has 13 "
1 " 15 "
2 have 17 "

Support. Of 143 libraries in the University 107 have received grant of money from the state during the year, while 78, including both public and association libraries, have been aided by local taxation. Those helped by taxation have for the most part availed themselves also of state aid. Only 16 of the University libraries receive anything from invested funds, and the majority are still largely dependent on private gifts obtained by considerable personal effort on the part of trustees.

The value of these public libraries would be greatly enhanced if the resources of public taxation were more freely used for their support.

The burden of an enterprise sustained by all the people of a given community is slight because widely distributed and the privileges thus supplied are prized and enjoyed by all. A good public library is not a costly luxury and it makes large returns to the taxpayers in promoting the intelligence and thrift of the community.

REGISTERED LIBRARIES

In the following table are the names of 64 libraries (including branches) registered by the University as public libraries maintaining a proper library standard. 10 of these are connected with teaching institutions in the University, but also supply reading for the public. 17 are free for reference only and as such receive from the state half as much as they contribute for buying books.

Libraries registered by the University as maintaining a proper standard

No.	Place	Name of library	Volumes	Registered
1	Albany	Catholic union library	1 690	1 Je 95
2	Albany	Y. M. A. library	23 674	18 Ap 96
3	Albany	Y. M. C. A. library	5 429	31 D 95
4	Albany	Y. W. C. A. library	1 684	21 Jl 95
5	Alfred	Alfred university library	11 728	1 Je 95
6	Auburn	Seymour library	13 675	5 My 96
7	Brooklyn	Brooklyn public library	9 576	22 Je 98
8	Brooklyn	Union for Christian work free lending lib.	40 122	2 S 98
9	Buffalo	Buffalo catholic institute library	.....	5 My 96
10	Buffalo	Buffalo historical society library	8 346	29 D 94
11	Buffalo	Buffalo library	103 096	31 Ag 95
12	Buffalo	Univ. of Buffalo medical department lib.	6 323	31 Ag 95
13	Buffalo	Women's educ'n and indust. union library.	1 300	29 D 94
14	Buffalo	Y. M. C. A. library	5 409	9 N 94
15	Cazenovia	Cazenovia public library society	4 866	17 S 97
16	Clinton	Hamilton college library	37 921	1 Je 95
17	Depew	R. R. Y. M. C. A. library	1 066	2 Je 98
18	Flushing	Flushing library association	6 400	2 Ja 96
19	Forestport	Forestport lit. and soc. union library	131	17 S 97
20	Fredonia	D. R. Barker library association	5 317	12 Jl 95
21	Gloversville	Gloversville free library	15 821	30 Jl 95
22	Gouverneur	Gouverneur reading room association	1 290	30 Je 98
23	Hamburg	Hamburg free library	460	13 Ja 97
24	Jamestown	Y. M. C. A. library	1 730	1 Je 95
25	Katonah	Katonah village improvement soc. library.	1 428	8 Ja 97
26	Keuka college	Keuka college and institute library	1 266	6 N 96
27	New York	Aguilar free library	23 211	21 N 95
28	New York	Aguilar free library, 59th st. branch	16 350	4 Ja 96
29	New York	Aguilar free library, 110th st. branch	6 939	21 My 96
30	New York	Aguilar free library, 5th st. branch	5 289	6 O 96

Libraries registered by the University (*concluded*)

No.	Place	Name of library	Volumes	Registered
31	New York	Bedford Park club library	340	2 D 97
32	New York	Bryson library, Teachers college	10 339	23 Mr 96
33	New York	Harlem library	225 000	5 N 97
34	New York	Maimonides free library	50 385	25 N 96
35	New York	Manhattan East Side Mission library	3 101	22 Je 98
36	New York	Mechanical engineers library association	5 390	30 Jl 95
37	New York	N. Y. free circ. lib., Bloomingdale branch	7 884	26 F 97
38	New York	N. Y. free circ. lib., Bond st. branch	21 783	26 F 97
39	New York	N. Y. free circ. lib., George Bruce branch	21 551	26 F 97
40	New York	N. Y. free circ. lib., Harlem branch	9 655	26 F 97
41	New York	N. Y. free circ. lib., Jackson sq. branch	14 454	26 F 97
42	New York	N. Y free circ. lib., Muhlenberg branch	7 794	26 F 97
43	New York	N. Y. free circ. lib., Ottendorfer branch	26 925	26 F 97
44	New York	N. Y. free circ. lib., Riverside branch	5 270	23 O 95
45	New York	N. Y. free circ. lib., Yorkville branch	6 977	13 D 97
46	New York	N. Y. free circulating library for the blind	857	10 F 97
47	New York	Tenement house chapter library	1 044	30 O 97
48	New York	University settlement free library	4 157	20 O 96
49	New York	Washington hights free library	12 717	12 Je 96
50	New York	Webster free library	7 683	4 S 94
51	New York	Y. W. C. A. library	24 947	5 Je 94
52	Olean	Forman library	5 022	10 Mr 96
53	Onondaga Valley	Onondaga academy library	1 020	4 Je 97
54	Oswego	State normal and training school library	11 188	29 Mr 95
55	Piermont	Piermont free library	879	23 S 96
56	Port Jervis	Minisink Valley historical society library	528	10 D 96
57	Randolph	Helen Culver library, Chamberlain inst.	2 211	29 D 94
58	Rome	Y. M. C. A. library	.....	9 N 94
59	Salem	Bancroft public library	4 778	14 F 96
60	Saratoga Springs	Saratoga Springs public library	3 112	30 Je 97
61	Schenectady	Union college library	31 968	11 S 97
62	Tarrytown	Young men's lyceum library	.....	29 Mr 95
63	Waterloo	Waterloo library and historical society	5 000	26 N 95
64	Waverly	High school library	2 595	29 D 94
		Total	698 394	

GROWTH OF FREE LENDING LIBRARIES UNDER STATE SUPERVISION

The 143 libraries in the University now contain 473,059 volumes, an increase of 51,777 or 12% over last year. The circulation of the free lending libraries among these has reached 1,686,607 volumes, an increase of 238,700 or 16% for the year. This marks the steady and wholesome growth which has been maintained from the beginning. The new libraries of the last year are small. Not one of the 10 had $1000

with which to claim an absolute charter; but all are the results of earnest and intelligent effort in the small communities. The aid of the state is gladly welcomed in all such cases and the supervision of the University is appreciated as a guarantee of success. The provisions of law in regard to neglected libraries make the University responsible for the continued and satisfactory work of any library receiving money from the state. Some older library boards hesitate to place their institutions in a position where there is a possibility of interference by any outside authority. But careful examination of the law and the facts will make these points clear:

1, that no penalty can be enforced so long as the library continues to do good service to the people;

2, that any action of the regents must be "for public interests," making the library a sacred trust for the benefit of the community interested;

3, that the state endeavors, in this way, to guarantee the perpetual enjoyment by the people of privileges given them by the original donors and, being itself a donor, has a clear right and duty to insist that the money shall be used as intended;

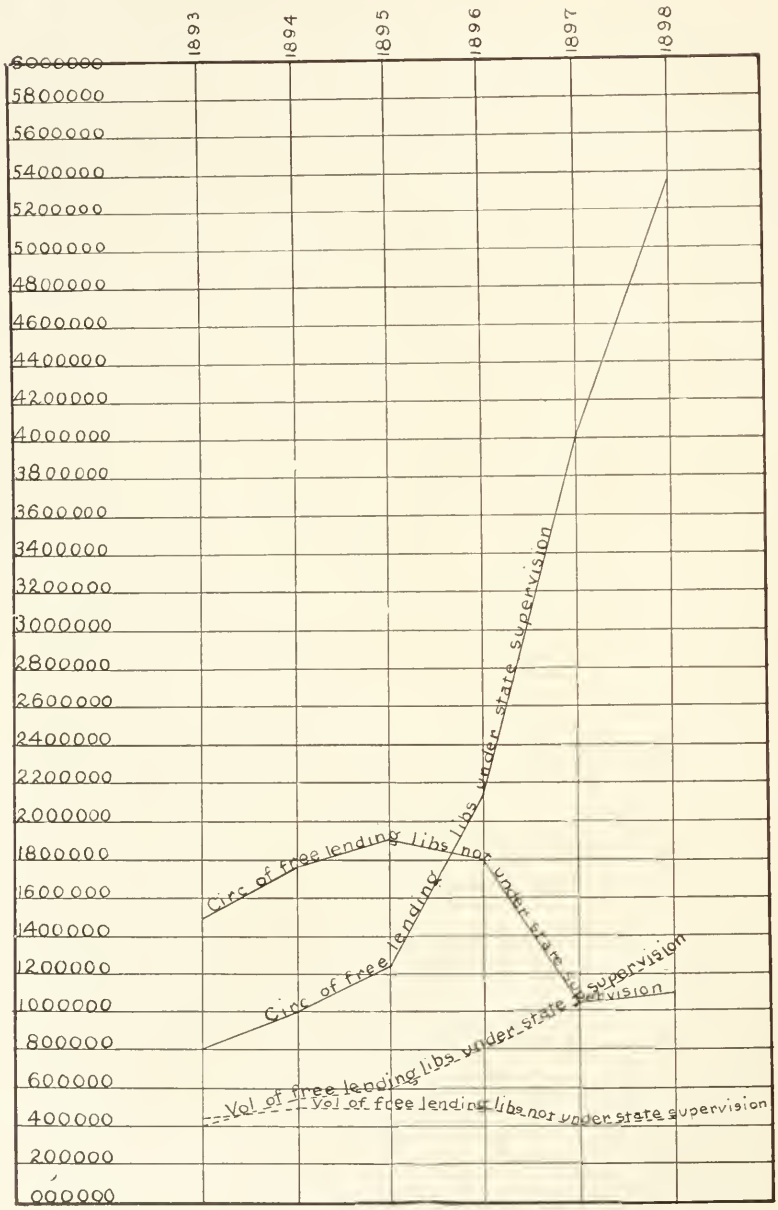
4, that the history of the University, the nature of its organization and the high character of the men who have controlled its policy for 115 years show that every interest has received and will receive liberal and just consideration.

In the light of such an examination this hesitation in regard to the University has no ground on which to rest. Indeed state supervision offers a better safeguard for the permanence and usefulness of a library for the years to come than any other which can be devised.

Many large libraries in the cities have recently sought University registry as an indorsement of the quality of their work and a basis for their applications for local subsidies.

Adding the registered libraries to those in the University or belonging to its institutions there are now 373 free lending libraries under this supervision and but 35 which have no relation to the University. A comparison of the two classes and their work for the past six years is shown in the following table and diagram.

Diagram 1 showing volumes and circulation of free lending libraries under state supervision and of those not under state supervision, 1893–98. Exact figures given on page 19.



Free lending libraries under state supervision, 1893-98

	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
No. of libraries.	201	236	257	315	339	373
Total volumes..	404 616	540 733	612 533	789 942	1 038 618	1 310 081
Circulation	796 258	1 021 924	1 242 284	2 149 027	4 003 021	5 342 870
" per 100 vols.	196	189	203	272	385	407

Free lending libraries not under state supervision

No. of libraries.	37	57	52	36	36	35
Total volumes..	454 619	509 136	514 666	523 357	408 256	444 955
Circulation	1 497 603	1 745 049	1 904 121	1 784 596	1 044 431	1 097 129
" per 100 vols.	329	342	370	341	255	246

INSPECTION

Libraries visited. During the year the inspector, William R. Eastman, visited 104 libraries in 31 counties of the state, of which 29 libraries had not been previously reached and 18 are not connected with the University. Nine of the visited libraries received University charters within the year and six others were registered as maintaining a proper standard. 59 of these libraries received grants of public library money during the year.

GRANTS

At the beginning of the fiscal year Oct. 1, 1897, there were on file five approved applications for public library money amounting to $1000 which were unpaid in the preceding year for lack of available funds. These were paid and other grants were made in October, November and December 1897 amounting to $12,001.97. After the supply bill appropriation of $18,250 became available, other grants were made in May, June, July and August 1898 and 11 unpaid applications amounting to $834 were carried over to the following year. During the year $24,536.66 was paid to 154 libraries, including branches, an average of $159 to each library. There are now 207 libraries that have at some time received state aid.

The following table shows the grants for the year.

Libraries receiving grants Oct. 1, 1897—Sep. 30, 1898

1	Albany, Catholic union library	$150
2	Albany free library	200
3	Albany, Y. M. A. library,	200
4	Albany, Y. M. C. A. library	200
5	Alfred university library	200
6	Allen's Hill free library association	20
7	Amsterdam library ass'n	200
8	Angelica library ass'n	200
9	Aquebogue, Northville public library	60
10	Auburn, Seymour library association	200
11	Aurora public library	171
12	Bath-on-Hudson, North Greenbush dist. no. 6 public library	100
13	Belmont literary and historical society free lib.	100
14	Bolivar free library	200
15	Boonville, Erwin library and institute	200
16	Brooklyn, Bay Ridge free library	200
17	Brooklyn, Fort Hamilton free library	150
18	Brooklyn, New Utrecht free library	200
19	Brooklyn public library	200
20	Buffalo catholic institute library	200
21	Buffalo, Grosvenor lib.	200
22	Buffalo public library	200
23	Buffalo society of natural sciences library	200
24	Buffalo, Women's educ'n and indust. union lib.	37 50
25	Caldwell, Lake George free library	35
26	Camden library ass'n	135
27	Canaan public library	25
28	Canandaigua, Wood library association	130
29	Canastota public library	$150
30	Canisteo, Wimodaughsian free library	150
31	Canton free library	200
32	Catskill public library	200
33	Cazenovia public library society	200
34	Claverack free library and reading room	88
35	Clinton, Hamilton college library	200
36	Corning free library	200
37	Cornwall public library	50
38	Cornwall-on-Hudson public library	75
39	Crown Point chapel lib.	15
40	Dansville public library	200
41	Depew, R. R. Y. M. C. A. library	200
42	Dryden, Southworth lib.	200
43	East Chatham public lib.	99 50
44	Easton free library	50
45	Ellenville public library	150
46	Fairport public library	200
47	Fillmore, Wide-awake club library	200
48	Forestport literary and social union library	200
49	Fredonia, D. R. Barker library association	200
50	Freeport public library	150
51	Friendship free library	200
52	Fulton public library	200
53	Glen Cove public library	200
54	Glens Falls, Crandall free library	200
55	Gloversville free library	200
56	Hammondsport public lib.	150
57	Haverstraw, King's daughters public library	100
58	Herkimer free library	200
59	Hilton public library	100
60	Hollis public library	200
61	Hornellsville, Hornell free library	200

62 Hunter public library $9
63 Jamestown, James Prendergast free library 200
64 Joshua's Rock, Mountainside free library..... 47
65 Keene Valley public lib .. 80
66 Keuka college and institute library..... 84
67 Kingston, Ponckhockie public library..... 75
68 Lake Placid public lib ... 110
69 Liberty public library.... 50
70 Lockport public library.. 200
71 Long Island City public library 200
72 Madalin, Tivoli public library 25
73 Malone, Wadhams reading circle..... 100
74 Marathon, Peck memorial library 200
75 Massena library..... 50
76 Mohawk public library... 50
77 Morristown public library 100
78 Morton Corners, Woodside public library..... 200
79 Mount Vernon public library 200
80 Nanuet public library.... 50
81 Nassau free library..... 75
82 New Rochelle public library 200
83 New York, Aguilar free library (four branches) 800
84 New York, Bedford park club library..... 100
85 New York, Bryson library, Teachers college..... 200
86 New York free circulating library (nine branches) 1 800
87 New York free circulating library for the blind.... 200
88 New York, Harlem library 200
89 New York, Manhattan East Side Mission library.... 200
90 New York, St Agnes free library 200
91 New York, Tenement house chapter library.. $200
92 New York, Washington hights free library 200
93 New York, Webster free library 200
94 New York, Y. W. C. A. lib. 200
95 Newark free public lib.. 200
96 Niagara Falls public lib.. 200
97 North Tonawanda public library 200
98 Nyack library 200
99 Ogdensburg public library 200
100 Olean, Forman library.... 200
101 Oneonta public library ... 200
102 Oswego, State normal school library..... 200
103 Oyster Bay peoples lib... 150
104 Penn Yan public library.. 200
105 Philmont public library .. 50 54
106 Piermont free library 200
107 Plattsburg public library. 200
108 Port Jervis free library... 200
109 Port Jervis, Minisink Valley historical society lib. 50
110 Potsdam public library and reading room 200
111 Red Hook public library . 200
112 Riverhead free library ... 100
113 Rockville Center public lib 50
114 Rome, Jervis lib. ass'n... 200
115 Salem, Bancroft pub. lib. 200
116 Saugerties public library 200
117 Schenectady free pub. lib. 200
118 Sea Cliff public library 100
119 Seaford, De Lancey Floyd-Jones free library..... 125
120 Shelter Island public lib. 75
121 Sherburne public library 200
122 Sidney public library.... 200
123 South Otselic public lib. 100
124 Southampton, Rogers memorial library..... 200
125 Springville public library 200
126 Syracuse central library.. 734 39
127 Tarrytown lyceum public library..... 200

128	Tomkins Cove public lib.	$40 15
129	Tonawanda public library	200
130	Troy children's neighborhood library	50
131	Troy Y. W. A. library	50
132	Utica public library	350
133	Van Etten public library	122 58
134	Wadhams Mills free lib.	55
135	Waterford public library	200
136	Waterloo library and historical society	27
137	Watkins public library	$100
138	Waverly high school library	100
139	Wellsville public library	200
140	West Winfield free library	50
141	Westbury, Green Wood public library	11
142	Westhampton free library	200
143	Yonkers public library	200
		$24 536 66

Certificates of approved circulation. 26 libraries maintained by private corporations for free public use and registered by the University received certificates of approved circulation on which to base their application for local subsidies as follows:

Certificates of approved circulation, Oct. 1, 1897–Sep. 30, 1898

No.	Name of library	Certified circulation for one year vol.
1	Albany free library	16 000
2	Amsterdam library association	41 000
3	Auburn, Seymour library association	36 000
4	Brooklyn, Bay Ridge free library	19 000
5	Brooklyn public library	a32 500
6	Fort Hamilton free library	12 000
7	New Utrecht free library, Bath Beach	12 000
8	Union for Christian work, free lending library	190 000
9	Flushing library association	18 000
10	Gloversville free library	61 000
11	Gouverneur reading room association	3 000
12	Herkimer free library	22 000
13	Long Island City public library	22 000
14	New York, Aguilar free library	460 000
15	Cathedral free circulating library	130 000
16	Harlem library	105 000
17	Harlem library	24 000
18	Maimonides free library	125 000
19	N. Y. free circulating library	1 000 000
20	N. Y. free circulating library for the blind	642
21	St Agnes free library	66 000
22	Tenement house chapter library	7 000
23	University settlement free library	46 000
24	Washington hights free library	47 000
25	Webster free library	43 000
26	Troy children's neighborhood library	5 600
	Total	2 543 742

a Six months

TRAVELING LIBRARIES

Large increases in lending both books and pictures are shown in the tables which immediately follow. Efforts are being made continually to inform communities of the privileges offered by the state and a number of libraries have been sent this year to borrowers who have just learned that New York lends books and pictures under specified conditions to its citizens. During the year an extension of the privilege has been made by including normal schools among those borrowing of the University. Though having no direct right, they now share the borrowing privileges of schools in the University and several have availed themselves of the opportunity. In particular, the "environment libraries" have been found useful in school work. Letters are daily being received from schools, clubs and others benefited expressing their appreciation of the advantages offered and applying for certain loans. In reporting, books and pictures are treated separately under the headings following.

Books

As usual, the appropriation for buying was exhausted some time before the end of the year, but by changing some of the plans of study, some desirable books on the subject selected were sent in response to nearly every application.

The circular giving general information on the subject of traveling libraries was revised in the summer and the following statement of the rules for lending was then adopted:

Rules. 1 On satisfactory guarantee that all University rules will be complied with, traveling libraries may be lent to

a) Any public library under University visitation on application of its trustees.

b) Any community without a public library on application of 25 resident taxpayers, provided that the applicants also agree that as soon as public interest will warrant such action, they will take steps to establish a free public library as provided in laws of 1892, ch. 378, § 36. The applicants shall name a reponsible owner of real estate, to act as trustee of said library and he must become personally responsible for any loss or injury beyond reasonable wear. This trustee shall designate a suitable person to be librarian.

c) Any regents school, on application of the principal.

d) Any registered extension center, study club or reading circle on application of the secretary and the guarantee of a responsible owner of real estate that the books will be returned in good condition at the time specified.

e) Any club, grange, lodge, post, business corporation or similar organization not falling in the other groups but recognized by the regents as having special need of books not otherwise available, on application of the responsible officer and satisfactory deposit of $100.[a]

2 A fee of $2 for 25 volumes and $1 for each additional 25 shall be paid in advance for suitable cases, printed catalogues, necessary blanks and records, and transportation both ways.

3 Such precaution shall be taken in packing as to guard effectively against injury in transportation.

4 Notes, corrections of the press, or marks of any kind on books belonging to the library are unconditionally forbidden. Borrowing trustees will be held responsible for all losses or injuries beyond reasonable wear, however caused.

5 The traveling library shall not be kept by groups *a*, *b* and *e* longer than six months after its reception, except by special permission, when an additional fee of $1 for each two months or fraction shall be paid. Another library will be sent on the same terms and these exchanges may continue as long as University rules are observed.

Regents schools (group *c*) are entitled to keep the library till the end of the academic year during which it was borrowed. Registered centers, clubs and circles (group *d*) may keep the libraries till the program for the study year is completed.

6 The librarian shall care for the books while under his control, circulate them in accordance with University rules, and make such reports respecting their use as the University may require.

7 No charge may be made for the use of books.

8 For wilful violation of any library rule the privilege of state loans may be suspended.

In the section on "injuries" in the rules for circulation, the following explanation of the phrase "reasonable wear" is inserted:

Reasonable wear. Books are not considered injured "beyond reasonable wear" when binding or leaves are loose, worn or soiled by use; but books returned after having been wet, torn, gnawed, marked with pen or pencil, daubed with paint or sticky substances, or with book plates or pockets marked or torn, or with leaves or illustrations missing are considered injured beyond reasonable wear, and the trustee must either pay the damages assessed by the Public libraries division or buy the book at two thirds the list price. Librarians should refuse to lend books to children with soiled hands. Books with loose leaves should be repaired or returned to Albany at once for rebinding. Fresh labels will

[a] Only libraries not needed for other applicants may be lent to this group and such libraries after three months are subject to recall if wanted elsewhere.

be supplied to replace any that come off, and no others should be placed on traveling library books unless they are the same size or smaller than those originally used.

Volumes. The total number of volumes accessioned in the public libraries division, Oct. 1, 1898, was 43,525. Of these 326 have been sold, 14 damaged, 20 worn out and 306 lost. 150 of the lost books belonged to the capitol library and to the collection used for lending to institutions in the University.

The volumes now in use are distributed as follows:

General libraries

No. 1	100	v.	5	sets contain	500	v.	
2	100	"	5	"	500	"	
3	100	"	4	"	400	"	
4	100	"	2	"	200	"	
5	100	"	4	"	400	"	
6	100	"	4	"	400	"	
7	100	"	5	"	500	"	
8	100	"	2	"	200	"	
9	100	"	2	"	200	"	
10	100	"	7	"	700	"	
11	50	"	9	"	450	"	
12	50	"	9	"	450	"	
13	50	"	10	"	500	"	
14	50	"	10	"	500	"	
15	50	"	10	"	500	"	
16	102	"	10	"	1020	"	
17	50	"	5	"	250	"	
18	50	"	5	"	250	"	
19	25	"	8	"	200	"	
20	25	"	9	"	225	"	
21	50	"	5	"	250	"	
22	25	"	9	"	225	"	
23	25	"	9	"	225	"	
24	50	"	5	"	250	"	
25	50	"	5	"	250	"	
26	25	"	11	"	275	"	
27	50	"	5	"	250	"	
28	25	"	10	"	250	"	
29	50	"	5	"	250	"	
30	50	"	5	"	250	"	
31	25	"	10	"	250	"	
32	50	"	5	"	250	"	
33	50	"	10	"	500	"	
34	25	"	5	"	125	"	
35	50	"	5	"	250	"	
			229	sets contain			12 195 v.

Subject libraries

Economics	subj. no.	350	25	v.	5	sets contain	125	v.
"	"	330	50	"	3	"	150	"
Money	"	332	50	"	1	set contains	50	"
Agriculture	"	630	34	"	5	sets contain	170	"
"	"	630	60	"	5	"	300	"
Household economics	"	640	51	"	3	"	153	"
French history	"	944	50	"	5	"	250	"
U. S. history	"	973	25	"	5	"	125	"
"	"	973	26	"	5	"	130	"
"	"	973	50	"	6	"	300	"
Spanish war	"	973.8	52	"	3	"	156	"
					46	sets contain		1 909 v.

Capitol library	2 659 v.
Sold, etc.	666 "
For extension purposes	24 261 "
" lending to institutions in the University	1 844 "
Total	43 525 v.

Additions. Since Oct. 1, 1897, 10,096 volumes have been bought for 10 sets of a new library, no. 33; five sets of a new young people's library, no. 34; five sets of a new library, no. 35; three sets of 46 volumes for a special subject library on household economics and three sets of 54 volumes for a special subject library on the Spanish war. This number also includes books for the capitol library and for special subject libraries made up for groups of students at registered extension centers, study clubs and schools in the University.

Use. During the year 259 general traveling libraries and 281 extension libraries have been lent.

Of the general traveling libraries

113	were sent	to	55 groups of taxpayers
66	"	"	22 public libraries
53	"	"	24 borrowers under special permit
16	"	"	8 regents schools
11	"	"	8 extension centers, etc.
259	"	"	117 places

These issues were made as follows

141	libraries were used once for	141	issues
59	" " twice for	118	"
200	libraries were used for	259	issues

In the general and special subject libraries 8403 volumes were sent out and returned during the past year with a total reported circulation of 22,913, of which 14,567 was fiction. The readers were 2455, an average of five books to each reader. In the extension collection 10,548 volumes were sent out and returned with a reported circulation of 10,025 and 1074 readers, an average of nine books to a reader. This number of readers is too small for only 52 out of the 151 libraries returned reported the number of readers. The failure to report arises in most cases from the fact that the books are passed from one member of the club to another without charging to each individual, thus saving time in the preparation of papers. The library on Money was used for reference in the state library and therefore the circulation is not reported.

Traveling libraries (not including extension) sent Oct. 1, 1897-Sep. 30, 1898

Free libraries	Libs	25 taxpayers	Libs.	Extension centers, etc.	Libs.	Borrowers	
Ballston		Amenia	7	Binghamton		Albany	
Canandaigua	5	Amityville		Clyde	2	"	
Canandaigua	4	Antwerp	2	Kingston	2	"	
Corning	2	Bedford	2	Massena Center		"	2
Fillmore	2	Berkshire	2	Ogdensburg		"	2
Forestport		Burke	2	Oswego	2	"	
Fort Plain	3	Burnt Hills		Randolph		Battle Field Station, Ga.	2
Jamestown	3	Busti	2	West Winfield		Brooklyn	
Katonah	5	Charlton	2			"	3
Lansingburg	5	Chuckery				Buffalo	2
Madison		Clifton Park				"	4
Nassau	2	Copake				Fleming	5
New York		Deposit				Honeoye Falls	2
North Tonawanda		East Durham				Hotel Champlain	
Ogdensburg	8	Elmira Heights	2			Inwood-on-Hudson	2
Penn Yan	2	Erin				Lake Placid	5
Pocantico Hills	4	Esperance				Lakewood	3
Potsdam		Gansevoort	2			Portville	
Seacliff	6	Hebron	2			Potsdam	
Sherburne	2	Hillburn	3			Ramapo	
Tarrytown	6	Honeoye Falls	4			Saratoga	
Westport		Java				S. West Oswego	2
		Kingston				Washington, D. C. (camp)	2
		Lakeville				Willard	7
		Lansingburg	3			24	
		Leon	2				
		Lishas Kill					
		Lyons Falls	5				
		Mattituck					
		Mendon Center					
		Minaville	2				
		Mineville	4				
		Oakwood	2				
		Old Forge	2				
		Palenville	3				
		Panama	2				
		Peru					
		Pine Bush	2			Regents schools	
		Preston Hollow					
		Prince's Bay	2				Libs.
		Pulaski	5			Albany	2
		Queens	6			Canisteo	
		Rush	2			Chateaugay	6
		South New Berlin	2			Churchville	
		Stockport	3			Constableville	2
		Suffern				Macedon Center	
		Vernon	2			Ticonderoga	
		Wadhams Mills	2			Victor	2
		Wallkill					
		Warwick	2			8	
		Watervliet	2				
		West Perrysburg				Summary	
		Whitehall	2				
		Woodhull					
		Youngstown	3			Free libraries	22
						25 taxpayers	55
						Exten. cen. etc.	8
						Borrowers	24
						Regents schools	8
22		55		8		Total	117

Traveling libraries sent Oct. 1, 1897–Sep. 30, 1898

Lib. no.	PLACE	Sent	Returned	Form of application	No. of readers	CIRCULATION Total	CIRCULATION Fiction	Average books per reader	Highest circulation of 1 book
1	Peru	15 N 97	8 Je 98	Pet	11	214	127	19.4	13
1	Lakewood	12 Jl 98		Bor					
1a	Pulaski	7 O 97	22 Ap 98	Pet		357	216		15
1a	Albany	26 Ap 98		Bor					
1b	Madison	22 O 97	20 Ap 98	Trus	20	66	40	3.3	7
1b	Watervliet	6 My 98		Pet					
1c	South New Berlin	28 Mr 98		Pet					
1d	Lyons Falls	19 Ja 98	4 Ag 98	Pet		321	160		12
					31	958	543		
2	Rush	9 D 97	14 Jl 98	Pet		52	26		5
2a	Brooklyn	31 D 97	29 Je 98	Bor	18	161	83	3.4	8
2b	Elmira Heights	27 D 97	14 Jl 98	Pet		99	62		8
2c	Mineville	8 Ap 98		Pet					
					48	312	171		
3	Leon	25 Ja 98	23 S 98	Pet		190	105		8
3	Vernon	24 S 98		Pet					
3b	Lakeville	30 D 97	14 Jl 98	Pet	54	231	133	4.3	11
3b	Wadhams Mills	10 Ag 98		Pet					
3c	Penn Yan	28 Ja 98	1 Ag 98	Trus		408	279		20
3c	Constableville	18 Ag 98		A					
3d	Suffern	8 Je 98		Pet					
					54	829	517		
4	Mineville	5 O 97	8 Ap 98	Pet		304	163		13
4	Inwood-on-Hudson	30 S 98		Bor					
4a	Willard	13 Je 98		Bor					
						304	163		
5a	Bedford	22 Mr 98	6 O 98	Pet		307	141		12
5b	Preston Hollow	19 My 98		Pet					
5c	Copake	9 N 97	3 Je 98	Pet	35	153	90	4.4	11
5c	Willard	13 Je 98		Bor					
5d	Lishas Kill	13 D 97	25 Je 98	Pet	49	204	90	4.2	10
					84	664	321		
6a	Mattituck	4 Ja 98	13 Jl 98	Pet	44	293	155	6.7	13
6b	South West Oswego	4 N 97	14 Jl 98	Bor		75	35		5
6c	Amenia	27 D 97	29 Je 98	Pet		125	66		10
6c	Warwick	12 Jl 98		Pet					
6d	Canisteo	24 Ja 98	13 Jl 98	A		133	52		8
					44	626	308		

Traveling libraries sent Oct. 1, 1897—Sep. 30, 1898 (*continued*)

Lib. no.	PLACE	Sent	Returned	Form of application	No. of readers	CIRCULATION Total	CIRCULATION Fiction	Average books per reader	Highest circulation of 1 book
7	Pocantico Hills	26 Ja 98	24 Ag 98	Trus	....	70	39	....	6
7a	Esperance	16 N 97	1 Je 98	Pet	28	120	70	4.3	7
7b	Willard	5 N 97	10 Je 98	Bor	81	207	83	2.6	10
7d	New York	25 Ja 98	29 Ag 98	Trus	28	41	26	1.5	12
					137	438	218	....	....
8	Willard	5 N 97	10 Je 98	Bor	82	237	105	2.9	9
8	Saratoga	23 Je 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
8a	East Durham	17 Je 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
					82	237	105	....	....
9	Woodhull	22 N 97	19 My 98	Pet	25	129	42	5.2	8
9	Hebron	20 My 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
9a	Burnt Hills	11 O 97	29 Ap 98	Pet	20	118	55	5.9	7
9a	Westport	17 My 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
					45	247	97	....	....
10a	Potsdam	3 F 98	13 Jl 98	Bor	....	7	5	....	2
10b	Canandaigua	14 Mr 98	10 S 98	Trus	....	391	270	....	18
10c	Deposit	18 N 97	18 Jl 98	Pet	31	186	95	6.	12
10d	Stockport	16 N 97	15 Je 98	Pet	....	272	161	....	11
10e	Ramapo	25 F 98	4 O 98	Bor	14	32	15	2.3	2
10f	Warwick	31 Ja 98	12 Jl 98	Pet	56	235	165	4.2	14
					101	1123	711	....	....
11	Battle F'ld Sta., Ga.	5 Ag 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
11h	Minaville	31 Ja 98	9 S 98	Pet	....	130	77	....	10
11i	Buffalo	2 F 98	30 S 98	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
					....	130	77	....	....
12a	Sherburne	7 F 98	24 Ag 98	Trus	152	155	101	1.	15
12d	Albany	20 D 97	21 S 98	Bor	....	12	9	....	2
12e	Busti	28 O 97	3 Je 98	Pet	63	159	92	2.5	13
12f	Clyde	11 O 97	13 My 98	E	39	198	113	5.	13
12f	Willard	13 Je 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
12g	Honeoye Falls	18 N 97	26 Jl 98	Bor	....	55	51	....	7
12g	Battle F'ld Sta., Ga.	5 Ag 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
12h	Gansevoort	26 N 97	8 Ap 98	Pet	52	181	127	3.5	17
12h	Tarrytown	12 Ap 98	16 Jl 98	Trus	....	100	64	....	10
					306	860	557	....	....
13a	Washington, D. C.	5 Ag 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
13c	Kingston	6 N 97	3 My 98	Pet	....	56	31	....	7
13d	Lyons Falls	8 Ag 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
13h	Victor	1 N 97	29 Je 98	A	73	234	136	3.2	20
					73	290	167	....	....

Traveling libraries sent Oct. 1, 1837—Sept. 30, 1838 (*continued*)

Lib. no.	PLACE	Sent	Returned	Form of application	No. of readers	CIRCULATION Total	CIRCULATION Fiction	Average books per reader	Highest circulation of 1 book
14	Buffalo	2 F 98	30 S 98	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
14c	Gansevoort	22 N 97	8 Ap 98	Pet	62	205	119	3.3	12
14c	Washington, D. C.	5 Ag 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	...	....	....
14i	Amenia	27 D 97	29 Je 98	Pet	....	106	51	....	11
					62	311	173	....	....
15a	Lyons Falls	8 Ag 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
15c	Youngstown	1 D 97	13 Jl 98	Pet	17	58	36	3.4	5
15h	Palenville	6 Ap 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
					17	58	36	....	....
16	Mendon Center	19 N 97	15 Je 98	Pet	60	351	246	5.9	12
16	Amityville	12 Jl 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
16a	Fleming	22 O 97	12 My 98	Bor	47	385	223	8.2	13
16a	Ballston	23 My 98	6 S 98	Trus	....	25	19	....	2
16b	Clifton Park	21 Ja 98	1 Ag 98	Pet	34	184	140	5.4	8
16c	Java	26 O 97	18 My 98	Pet	....	333	267	....	16
16e	Lansingburg	28 S 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
16d	Inwood-on Hudson	14 Mr 98	29 S 98	Bor	18	76	54	4.2	5
16e	Hillburn	29 N 97	6 Je 98	Pet	....	313	211	....	11
16g	Wallkill	4 Ap 97	15 Ap 98	Pet	....	579	418	....	17
16g	Berkshire	18 Ap 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
16h	Whitehall	9 O 97	28 Ap 98	Pet	70	308	217	4.4	12
16h	Burke	21 My 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
16i	Pine Bush	6 D 97	15 Je 98	Pet	....	730	598	....	21
16i	Hotel Champlain	12 Jl 98	11 O 98	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
					229	3 284	2 393	....	....
17	Pulaski	7 My 98	24 Ag 98	Pet	....	95	67	....	9
17a	Ogdensburg	27 O 97	29 Je 98	E	....	61	36	....	5
17a	Sea Cliff	26 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
17b	Oswego	20 Ja 98	13 Jl 98	E	26	68	54	2.5	7
17c	Queens	22 N 97	9 Je 98	Pet	....	186	125	....	14
17d	Canandaigua	21 Ja 98	1 Ag 99	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
					26	410	282	....	....
18	Erin	21 Mr 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
18a	Massena Center	6 D 97	6 S 98	E	....	24	18	....	5
18b	Queens	22 N 97	9 Je 98	Pet	....	156	99	....	11
18c	Honeoye Falls	18 N 97	26 Jl 98	Bor	....	44	43	....	5
18d	Panama	9 D 97	13 Jl 98	Pet	40	172	128	4.3	14
18d	Ogdensburg	29 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
					40	396	288	....	....
19	Canandaigua	21 Ja 98	1 Ag 98	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
19a	Ogdensburg	9 N 97	20 Jl 98	Trus	....	412	295	....	27
19c	Palenville	6 Ap 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
19d	Brooklyn	15 N 97	11 Jl 98	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
19d	Buffalo	14 S 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....

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Lib. no.	PLACE	Sent	Returned	Form of application	No. of readers	CIRCULATION Total	CIRCULATION Fiction	Average books per reader	Highest circulation of 1 book
19e	Vernon	24 S 98		Pet					
19f	Hebron	20 My 98		Pet					
19g	Queens	22 N 97	9 Je 98	Pet		114	84		11
19g	Fillmore	1 Jl 98		Trus					
						526	379		
20	Fillmore	1 Jl 98		Trus					
20a	Hillburn	29 N 97	6 Je 98	Pet		83	55		8
20b	Whiteball	9 O 97	28 Ap 98	Pet	25	52	39	2.	9
20b	Watervliet	6 My 98		Pet					
20d	West Perrysburg	26 N 97	14 My 98	Pet		129	102		11
20d	Seacliff	26 Ag 98		Trus					
20f	Victor	1 N 97	29 Je 98	A	74	274	222	3.7	9
20f	Ogdensburg	29 Ag 98		Trus					
20g	Fort Plain	10 Mr 98	6 O 98	Trus		125	95		12
20h	Amenia	27 D 97	29 Je 98	Pet		170	137		13
20h	Wadhams Mills	10 Ag 98		Pet					
					99	833	650		
21	Minaville	31 Ja 98	9 S 98	Pet		166	107		10
21a	Katonah	8 F 98	26 Ag 98	Trus		157	122		15
21a	Honeoye Falls	14 S 98		Pet					
21b	Canandaigua	18 Jl 98		Trus					
21c	Queens	9 Je 98		Pet					
						323	229		
22	Chateaugay	25 Ag 98		A					
22a	Berkshire	18 Ap 98		Pet					
22b	South New Berlin	28 Mr 98		Pet					
22d	Burke	21 My 98		Pet					
22e	Lansingburg	23 Mr 98	27 S 98	Pet		22	20		5
22f	Brooklyn	15 N 97	11 Jl 98	Bor					
22f	Buffalo	14 S 98		Bor					
22g	Youngstown	1 D 97	13 Jl 98	Pet	31	68	50	2.2	7
22g	Ogdensburg	29 Ag 98		Trus					
22h	Canandaigua	18 Jl 98		Trus					
					31	90	70		
23	Chateaugay	9 D 98	14 Jl 98	A		51	38		7
23a	Lyons Falls	8 Ag 98		Pet					
23b	Elmira Heights	27 D 97	14 Jl 98	Pet		39	32		5
23b	Buffalo	14 S 98		Bor					
23d	Leon	25 Ja 98	23 S 98	Pet		78	67		8
23e	Willard	5 N 97	10 Je 98	Bor	51	76	44	1.5	8
23e	Constableville	18 Ag 98		A					
23f	Rush	9 D 97	14 Jl 98	Pet		20	17		4
23g	Oswego	20 Ja 98	13 Jl 98	E	25	95	72	3.8	11
23h	Lansingburg	9 S 98		Trus					
					76	359	270		

Traveling libraries sent Oct. 1, 1897–Sep. 30, 1898 (*continued*)

Lib. no.	PLACE	Sent	Returned	Form of application	No. of readers	CIRCULATION Total	CIRCULATION Fiction	Average books per reader	Highest circulation of 1 book
24	Lansingburg	23 Mr 98	27 S 98	Pet	....	141	99	....	14
24a	Chuckey	13 S 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
24b	Honeoye Falls	14 S 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
24c	Sherburne	7 F 98	24 Ag 98	Trus	183	191	122	1.	15
24c	Amenia	28 S 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
24d	Pocantico Hills	7 S 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
					183	332	221	....	....
25	Oakwood	14 D 97	29 Je 98	Pet	58	282	144	4.9	13
25a	Pulaski	7 My 98	24 Ag 98	Pet	....	106	74	....	10
25b	Chateaugay	9 D 77	14 Jl 98	A	....	63	30	....	7
25d	Queens	9 Je 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
					58	451	248	....	....
26	South West Oswego	4 N 97	14 Jl 98	Bor	....	44	32	....	6
26b	Willard	5 N 97	10 Je 98	Bor	52	96	74	1.8	11
26b	Buffalo	14 S 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
26c	North Tonawanda	26 N 97	13 Jl 98	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
26d	Charlton	9 D 97	4 My 98	Pet	32	127	91	4.	10
26e	Pocantico Hills	7 S 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
26g	Mineville	8 Ap 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
26h	Lyons Falls	15 F 98	4 Ag 98	Pet	..	140	96	....	12
26i	Stockport	6 D 97	15 Je 98	Pet	....	76	59	....	8
26j	Bedford	22 Mr 98	6 O 98	Pet	....	201	151	....	16
					84	684	503	....	....
27	Tarrytown	12 Ap 98	16 Jl 98	Trus	....	102	65	....	8
27	Lake Placid	3 Ag 98	.....	Bor					
27a	Oakwood	14 D 97	29 Je 98	Pet	63	163	146	2.6	13
27b	Charlton	9 D 97	4 My 98	Pet	32	115	79	3.6	8
27b	Lakewood	12 Jl 98	.....	Bor					
27e	Fort Plain	10 Mr 98	6 O 98	Trus	....	143	79	....	10
27d	Randolph	8 F 98	14 Jl 98	E	11	28	20	2.5	4
27d	Honeoye Falls	14 S 98	.....	Pet					
					106	551	389	....	....
28	Chateaugay	9 D 97	14 Jl 98	A	....	71	51	....	8
28b	Churchville	2 Mr 98	13 Jl 98	A	16	51	36	3.2	5
28b	Lake Placid	3 Ag 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
28c	Tarrytown	12 Ap 98	16 Jl 98	Trus	....	72	43	....	7
28c	Amenia	28 S 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
28d	Katonah	8 F 98	26 Ag 98	Trus	....	33	26	....	6
28e	Mineville	5 O 97	8 Ap 98	Pet	....	104	62	....	10
28f	Old Forge	17 Je 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
28g	Seacliff	19 Ja 98	26 Jl 98	Trus	52	216	161	4.	15
28h	Pine Bush	6 D 97	15 Je 98	Pet	....	222	145	....	17
28i	Albany	4 N 97	3 My 98	Bor	....	56	37	....	4
					68	825	561	....	....

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Lib. no.	PLACE	Sent	Returned	Form of application	No. of readers	CIRCULATION Total	CIRCULATION Fiction	Average books per reader	Highest circulation of 1 book
29	Prince's Bay	24 Ja 98	30 S 98	Pet	....	176	125	....	14
29a	Palenville	6 Ap 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
29b	Seacliff	19 Ja 98	26 Jl 98	Trus	74	211	183	2.9	18
29b	Chateaugay	25 Ag 98	.....	A	....	.....	.....	....	....
29c	Pulaski	9 D 97	16 My 98	Pet	....	204	159	....	14
29c	Corning	27 My 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
29d	Nassau	29 Mr 98	29 S 98	Trus	....	205	123	....	14
29d	Fleming	30 S 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
					74	796	590	....	....
30	Forestport	1 N 97	13 My 98	Trus	44	146	88	3.3	10
30	Lakewood	12 Jl 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
30a	Pulaski	1 F 98	24 Ag 98	Pet	....	191	142	....	17
30a	Lansingburg	9 S 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
30b	Antwerp	31 Mr 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
30c	Nassau	29 Mr 98	29 S 98	Trus	....	166	94	....	10
30d	Corning	27 My 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
					44	503	324	....	....
31	Fort Plain	10 Mr 98	6 O 98	Trus	....	116	94	....	9
31a	Pocantico Hills	7 S 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
31b	Amenia	28 S 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
31c	Brooklyn	15 N 97	11 Jl 98	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
31c	Chateaugay	25 Ag 98	.....	A	....	.....	.....	....	....
31d	Albany	22 N 97	25 Ap 98	Bor	9	67	48	7.4	5
31d	Katonah	6 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
31e	Albany	1 D 97	10 My 98	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
31e	Queens	9 Je 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
31f	Canandaigua	18 Ja 98	15 Jl 98	Trus	....	409	329	....	27
31g	Busti	28 O 97	3 Je 98	Pet	23	203	151	8.8	16
31g	Lansingburg	9 S 98	.....	Trus	....		.....	....	....
31h	Ogdensburg	9 N 97	20 Jl 98	Trus	....	461	341	....	29
31i	Panama	9 D 97	30 Jl 98	Pet	48	169	131	3.5	12
					80	1 425	1 094	....	....
32	Ogdensburg	26 F 98	4 O 98	Trus	....	307	187	....	22
32a	Prince's Bay	24 Ja 98	30 S 98	Pet	....	184	133	....	14
32b	Ogdensburg	9 N 97	20 Jl 98	Trus	....	487	199	....	20
32b	Seacliff	26 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
32c	Old Forge	17 Je 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
32d	Lansingburg	14 F 98	6 S 98	Trus	8	189	106	23.6	14
32d	Portville	20 S 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
					8	1 167	625	....	....
33	Albany	24 Ja 98	27 Je 98	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
33a	Jamestown	18 Ja 98	24 Ag 98	Trus	....	561	305	....	28
33a	Amenia	28 S 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
33b	Albany	21 Ja 98	6 Je 98	A	....	.....	.....	....	....
33b	Tarrytown	6 Jl 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
33c	Seacliff	19 Ja 98	26 Jl 98	Trus	75	225	191	3.	20

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Lib. no.	PLACE	Sent	Returned	Form of application	No. of readers	CIRCULATION Total	CIRCULATION Fiction	Average books per reader	Highest circulation of 1 book
33c	Lake Placid	3 Ag 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
33d	Canandaigua	18 Ja 98	15 Jl 98	Trus	....	321	155	....	15
33d	Fleming	6 S 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
33e	Lansingburg	14 F 98	6 S 98	Trus	....	226	140	....	17
33e	Honeoye Falls	14 S 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
33f	Penn Yan	9 F 98	1 Ag 98	Trus	....	337	199	....	18
33g	Katonah	8 F 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
33h	Ogdensburg	26 F 98	4 O 98	Trus	....	438	229	....	21
33i	Albany	17 Mr 98	11 O 98	Bor	....	94	68	....	8
					75	2 205	1 287	....	....
34	Jamestown	10 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
34a	Canandaigua	8 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
34b	Lake Placid	15 Je 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
34c	Albany	8 Je 98	.....	A	....	.....	.....	....	....
34d	Tarrytown	9 Je 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
					....	.....	.....	....	....
35	Katonah	6 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
35a	Jamestown	10 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
35b	Canandaigua	8 Ag 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	....	....
35c	Tarrytown	6 Jl 98	.....	Trus	....	.....	.....	...	....
35d	Lake Placid	15 Je 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
330i	Binghamton	26 S 98	.....	E	....	.....	.....	....	....
330p	Clyde	11 O 97	13 My 98	E	19	32	.....	1.7	5
					19	32	.....	....	....
630k	Potsdam	5 Ja 98	13 Jl 98	Trus	41	112	.....	2.8	7
630r	Stockport	6 D 97	15 Je 98	Pet	....	38	.....	....	4
630s	Fleming	22 O 97	12 My 98	Bor	16	40	.....	2.5	4
					57	187	.....	....	....
973k	Kingston	19 O 97	3 My 98	E	....	31	.....	....	2
973l	Antwerp	31 Mr 98	.....	Pet	....	.....	.....	....	....
973p	West Winfield	15 O 97	3 Je 98	E	....	36	.....	....	7
973s	Macedon Center	27 N 97	14 Jl 98	A	....	.....	.....	....	....
					....	67	.....	....	....
s973o	Hillburn	29 N 97	6 Je 98	Pet	....	12	.....	....	7
s973o	Fleming	6 S 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
s973p	Youngstown	1 D 97	13 Jl 98	Pet	14	26	.....	1.9	4
s973r	Ticonderoga	15 D 97	.....	A	....	.....	.....	....	....
s973s	Kingston	19 O 97	3 My 98	E	....	12	.....	....	3
					14	80	.....	....	....
973.8i	Albany	6 Jl 98	.....	Bor	....	.....	.....	....	....
					....	.....	.....	....	....

Summary of use of traveling libraries from Oct. 1, 1897–Sep. 30, 1898

Lib. no.	Sets	Sent	Ret'd	CIRCULATION					Readers
				Least	Largest	Average	Total	Fiction	
1.....	5	8	4	66	357	240	958	543	31
2.....	5	4	3	52	161	104	312	171	48
3.....	4	7	3	190	408	276	829	517	54
4.....	2	3	1	304	304	304	304	163	.....
5.....	4	5	3	153	307	221	664	321	84
6.....	4	5	4	75	293	157	626	308	44
7.....	5	4	4	41	207	110	438	218	137
8.....	2	3	1	237	237	237	237	105	82
9.....	2	4	2	118	129	124	247	97	45
10.....	7	6	6	7	391	188	1 123	711	101
11.....	9	3	2	130	130	65	130	77	.....
12.....	9	9	7	12	198	123	860	557	306
13.....	10	4	2	56	234	145	290	167	73
14.....	10	4	3	106	205	104	311	173	62
15.....	10	3	1	58	58	58	58	36	17
16.....	10	15	11	25	730	299	3 284	2 393	229
17.....	5	6	5	61	186	82	410	282	26
18.....	5	6	4	24	172	99	396	288	40
19.....	8	9	4	114	412	132	526	379	.....
20.....	9	11	6	52	274	139	833	650	99
21.....	5	5	2	157	166	162	323	229	.....
22.....	9	10	3	22	68	30	90	70	31
23.....	9	10	6	20	95	60	359	270	76
24.....	5	6	2	141	191	166	332	221	183
25.....	5	4	3	63	282	117	451	248	58
26.....	11	10	7	44	201	98	684	503	84
27.....	5	8	5	28	163	110	551	389	106
28.....	10	11	8	33	222	103	825	561	68
29.....	5	8	4	176	211	199	796	590	74
30.....	5	7	3	146	191	168	503	324	44
31.....	10	14	8	67	461	178	1 425	1 094	80
32.....	5	7	4	184	487	292	1 167	625	8
33.....	10	15	9	94	561	.....	2 205	1 287	75
34.....	5	5	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35.....	5	5	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .	229	244	140	....	.....	.....	22 547	14 567	2 365

SUBJECT LIBRARIES

Lib. no.	Vol.	Sets	Sent	Ret'd	CIRCULATION				Readers
					Least	Largest	Average	Total	
Economics									
330.....	50	3	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
330.....	25	5	1	1	32	32	32	32	19
Money									
332.....	50	1	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Agriculture									
630.....	60	5	1	1	112	112	112	112	41
630.....	34	5	2	2	35	40	38	75	16
Household economics									
640.....	46	3	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
French history									
944.....	50	5	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
U. S. history									
973.....	50	6	2	1	31	31	31	31	.....
973.....	25	5	2	2	36	36	18	36	.....
973.....	26	5	5	3	12	42	27	80	14
Spanish war									
973.8...	54	3	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total..	....	46	15	10	.....	.....	.....	366	90
General total of traveling lib.		275	259	150	.....	.....	.....	22 913	2 455

Summary of use of capitol library Oct. 1, 1897-Sep. 30, 1898

	No. of books drawn	Per cent of subjects read
General	109	1.42
Philosophy	6	.08
Religion	22	.29
Sociology	94	1.22
Philology	.....	.....
Science	32	.40
Useful arts	38	.49
Fine arts	65	.84
Literature	6 728	87.02
History	637	8.24
Total	7 731	100

Summary of use of extension books, Oct. 1, 1897- Sep. 30, 1898

PLACE	Borrowing body	Subject	Vol.	Sent	Returned	Readers	Circulation
Albany	Girls'cl'b	General	25	22 Ap 98			
	A. C.W.	"	52	20 D 97	21 S 98		50
	School	"	25	19 F 98	6 Je 98		11
	Boys'cl'b	"	99	8 Mr 98	11 Ag 98		218
	H'me for friend.	"	26	4 N 97	3 My 98		56
	Center	Architecture	41	11 O 97	6 Ja 98		
	"	Music	93	24 Ja 98	6 Ap 98	47	137
	Club	Spain	54	13 D 97	28 Jl 98	10	88
	"	Amer colonial history	53	12 S 98			
	"	India	31	22 S 98			
	School	General	82	21 S 98			
Albion	Club	Russia	104	16 O 97	9 My 98	44	173
	"	Greek literature	99	18 N 97	10 My 98	17	53
	"	Literature	50	22 S 98			
Alexandria Bay	"	England	29	17 N 97	11 My 98	17	44
Amsterdam	School	English literature	103	2 F 98	13 Jl 98		38
Angelica	"	General	98	28 F 98	13 Jl 98	21	65
	Club	Italy	17	29 S 98			
Argyle	School	American literature	42	13 N 97	16 Je 98		
Attica	Club	England	50	3 N 97	30 Ap 98	16	37
	"	Shakspere	87	10 N 97	3 Je 98	31	168
Aurora	"	France	90	19 S 98			
Baldwinsville	"	Shakspere	51	24 N 97	17 My 98	25	23
	"	Holland	38	29 S 98			
Ballston Spa	School	General	108	12 N 97	23 Je 98		118
Bath-on-Hudson	Club	Italy	26	20 S 98			
Bayport	School	General	52	12 Ja 98	13 Jl 98		36
Belmont	"	Pedagogy	41	18 O 97	4 Je 98		62
	"	Home science	25	16 My 98			
	Club	England	25	30 Ag 98			
Binghamton	School	English literature	51	11 Mr 98	29 Je 98	10	47
	Club	Spain	28	12 N 97	13 Jl 98		28
	"	Economics	53	26 S 98			
	"	American history	97	8 O 97	5 My 98	24	287
	"	England	105	13 S 98			
	"	Turkey and Greece	99	29 Ag 98			
Blauvelt	"	American history and English literature	100	12 O 97	22 Ap 98	18	69
Bridgewater	"	England	28	31 Ag 98			
Brocton	School	American literature	100	23 S 98			
Brooklyn	Club	Art	82	26 O 97	6 Je 98	35	188
	"	"	93	21 S 98			
	"	Bible history	50	31 Ag 98			
Buffalo	Char. org	Sociology	64	8 Ap 98			
	Yacht co	Best books of 1897	108	15 Je 98			
	Club	Education	94	9 S 98			
	"	England	103	6 S 98			
	"	Italy	86	21 S 98			
	"	American history	56	10 D 97	9 My 98	9	13
	"	Mexico	45	20 O 97	12 My 98		44
	Center	Sociology	115	19 N 97	21 Je 98		17
	"	Literature	54	19 F 98	21 Je 98		16
	Club	Holland and Scandinavia	99	1 O 97	18 Ap 98		396
	"	Bible history	101	16 S 98			
	"	Italian art	52	15 Ja 98	6 Je 98		
	"	19th century	56	27 S 98			
	"	Robert Browning	25	19 S 98			
	Pub. lib.	Botany and geology	56	26 Ja 98			
Camillus	Club	Germany	51	20 N 97	16 My 98		59
Canajoharie	"	Japan	24	17 N 97	13 Jl 98	18	38
	"	Egypt	27	26 Ag 98			
	"	English literature	27	28 D 97	28 Ap 98		
Canandaigua	"	English literature	27	28 D 97	28 Ap 98		
Canaseraga	School	American literature	101	21 Ap 98	13 Jl 98	31	108
Canastota	"	English literature	100	16 F 98	27 Je 98		48
	Club	Shakspere	56	21 O 97	6 Je 98		97
	"	"	50	9 S 98			
Canisteo	School	English literature	137	24 Ja 98	13 Jl 98		
Canton	"	English and American literature	104	5 N 97	13 Jl 98		174
	"	English and American literature	157	16 S 98			
Carthage	"	English and American literature	101	18 Mr 98	1 Jl 98		

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PLACE	Borrowing body	Subject	Vols.	Sent	Returned	Readers	Circulation
Carthage	School	English and American literature	101	1 Jl 98			
Catskill	Club	English history	50	7 O 97	13 Jl 98	18	39
Cayuga	"	" literature	50	3 Ja 98	13 Jl 98	17	47
Central Square	School	" "	50	20 Ap 98			
Champlain	"	General	100	13 O 97	29 Je 98		14
	"	"	105	24 S 98			
Charlton	Club	United States history	51	19 O 97	4 My 98	20	170
Chatham	"	English and Italian literature	57	5 O 97	21 Mr 98		63
	"	England	92	22 Mr 98			
Chautauqua	Sum. sch	General	1 005	23 Je 98	1 S 98		
Churchville	School	English literature	75	2 Mr 98	13 Jl 98	16	128
Cincinnatus	"	American "	50	13 S 98			
Clinton	Club	Italy	51	6 S 98			
Clyde	"	Socialism	25	11 O 97	13 My 98		43
Cobleskill	School	English literature	50	10 N 97	28 F 98		
	"	American "	50	1 Mr 98	26 Ap 98		38
	"	" "	50	14 Ap 98	13 Jl 98		
	"	English and American literature	137	22 S 98			
	Club	Holland	69	30 Ag 98			
Constableville	School	General	104	26 Ja 98	13 Jl 98	40	137
Cornw'll-on-Hud	"	English and American literature	51	19 O 97	13 Jl 98	23	132
Cuba	Club	Greece	101	1 Jl 98			
Dansville	"	Shakspere	26	9 S 98			
Deposit	School	American history and English literature	51	20 S 98			
Dunkirk	Club	American literature	46	20 S 98			
	"	Italy	94	9 S 98			
East Bloomfield	"	Education	25	7 D 97	21 Je 98		
East Randolph	"	United States history	51	2 D 97	29 Je 98		16
	"	Egypt	50	20 Ag 98			
Elmira	"	English history	96	28 S 98			
	"	United States history education	102	9 S 98			
Falrport	"	American literature	25	16 D 97	31 My 98		28
	"	Germany	53	20 S 98			
Fayetteville	"	France	27	17 S 98			
	"	Greece	26	25 Ag 98			
Forestville	"	English history	100	4 N 97	18 My 98	18	72
Fort Covington	School	English and American literature	99	19 O 97	13 Jl 98		
	"	English literature	100	15 F 98	13 Jl 98		
Fort Edward	Club	Russia	50	16 O 97	21 Je 98		41
Fort Plain	"	Egypt	26	3 Ja 98	21 Je 98		19
	"	England	50	20 S 98			
Fredonia	"	German literature	71	8 O 97	23 Ap 98		101
	"	19th century "	50	19 S 98			
	"	Art	50	13 Ag 98			
Friendship	"	United States	29	20 O 97	5 My 98	15	87
Fulton	"	U. S. history and literature	96	30 S 98			
	"	Shakspere	22	30 S 98			
Geneseo	School	English literature	100	21 O 97	13 Jl 98	48	79
Geneva	Club	Painting	28	13 O 97	4 Ag 98		47
	"	"	20	30 S 98			
	"	Sculpture	25	1 Jl 98			
	School	American and English literature	100	20 O 97	15 Mr 98	22	68
Glens Falls	Club	Painting	26	29 Jl 98			
Gowanda	School	English literature	50	8 F 98	29 Je 98		160
	"	American "	76	20 S 98			
Greenwich	Club	United States history	26	7 Ja 98	13 Jl 98	16	87
Groton	"	Spain	101	26 Jl 98			
Hamilton	"	England	78	1 S 98			
Haverstraw	"	Holland	25	31 Ag 98			
	School	English and American literature	100	4 Mr 98	1 Jl 98		
	"	English and American literature	100	1 Jl 98			
Hermon	"	English literature	26	16 Mr 98	22 Je 98		
Honeoye Falls	Club	Spain	51	14 S 98			
Hornellsville	"	Shakspere	25	19 S 98			
	"	"	21	24 N 97	27 Je 98		

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PLACE	Borrowing body	Subject	Vols.	Sent	Returned	Readers	Circulation
Howard	Club	American literature	50	7 D 97	13 Jl 98	25	340
Hudson	"	Spain	53	22 S 98			
	School	General	100	18 Mr 98	13 Jl 98	36	85
Ilion	Club	United States history	29	29 S 98			
	"	Music	24	29 S 98			
	"	England	39	29 S 98			
Ithaca	School	General	100	7 Ja 98	10 Ag 98		145
Jamestown	Club	England	82	18 O 97	23 Ag 98		350
	"	Scotland	42	29 Ag 98			
	"	Art	48	18 N 97	23 Ag 98		142
	"	Architecture	39	29 Ag 98			
Johnstown	"	United States	50	6 Ag 98			
	"	Rome	22	21 S 98			
Kinderhook	"	English literature	50	19 S 98			
Kingston	"	United States history	32	19 O 97	3 My 98		
	"	English literature	86	16 S 98			
Le Roy	"	Greece	53	20 Jl 98			
	"	England	52	12 O 97	15 Je 98		39
	"	"	50	30 Ag 98			
Lima	"	American literature	50	20 S 98			
Littlefalls	"	Germany	93	23 S 98			
Livonia	"	American literature	90	3 N 97	23 Ag 98		119
	"	English "	15	23 Ag 98			
Macedon	School	General	106	21 O 97	23 My 98		108
Macedon Center	"	"	85	27 N 97	14 Jl 98		44
Madrid	"	American literature	110	19 O 97	13 Jl 98		115
	"	" history and literature	100	26 S 98			
Malone	Club	Sculpture	25	14 O 97	3 Je 98	12	62
	School	English literature	100	23 N 97	13 Jl 98	30	121
Marcellus	"	General	101	21 O 97	13 Jl 98	30	103
Massena	Club	French history	92	26 S 98			
Massena Center	"	American "	50	6 D 97	6 S 98		65
Mayfield	"	Economics	24	13 My 98			
Menands	"	Spain	25	29 D 97	29 Je 98		56
Middletown	"	Turkey and Greece	50	21 S 98			
	"	Greece	53	18 O 97	13 Jl 98		57
	"	Rome	50	20 S 98			
	"	Russia and Turkey	50	3 D 97	1 Jl 98		
	"	" "	50	1 Jl 98			
Moravia	"	United States history	71	21 S 98			
Moriah	School	American history and literature	100	10 S 98			
Morrisville	Club	England	46	17 D 97	29 Je 98		
	"	"	50	7 S 98			
Mount Morris	"	Italy	28	16 N 97	24 My 98	15	65
	"	Holland	51	27 S 98			
Mount Vernon	Pub. lib.	Education	50	17 Je 98			
	Club	Art	23	13 D 97	9 Je 98	11	34
	"	English literature	50	16 N 97	9 Je 98		14
	"	Emerson	28	4 N 97	23 My 98	17	54
	School	English and American literature	98	16 N 97	14 Jl 98	25	70
Mumford	"	American literature	100	26 S 98			
Nassau	Club	United States history	98	7 O 97	6 Je 98	31	190
	"	Economics	100	26 S 98			
New York	"	"	36	10 My 98			
	"	Government	50	6 Ja 98	6 Je 98		
Niagara Falls	Summer class	Art	26	3 Ag 98	17 S 98		
	Club	Holland	43	12 S 98			
N. Tonawanda	School	English literature	118	19 O 97	13 Jl 98	25	333
	"	"	105	19 S 98			
Northport	"	English and American literature	73	23 N 97	1 Ag 98	6	17
Oakfield	"	English and American literature	110	1 F 98	14 Jl 98		103
Ogdensburg	Club	American colonial history	51	27 O 97	29 Je 98		72
	"	Ireland	43	22 O 97	13 Jl 98		
	"	United States	100	12 S 98			
	"	France	101	6 O 97	7 Je 98		76
	"	Italy	100	22 Jl 98			
Olean	"	Greece	26	21 S 98			
	"	Persia	66	7 O 97	13 Jl 98		86
	"	France	51	29 Ag 98			

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PLACE	Borrowing body	Subject	Vols.	Sent	Returned	Readers	Circulation
Oneonta	Club	Geology and botany	75	17 S 98			
Oswego	"	Education	50	20 Ja 98	13 Jl 98		69
Owaquaga	"	American literature	50	13 D 97	11 Jl 98	7	21
Owego	"	Germany	26	4 D 97	13 Jl 98		
	School	Education	86	17 D 97	10 S 98	27	60
	"	"	108	23 S 98			
Oxford	"	General	75	5 Ap 98	13 Jl 98		117
	"	"	104	20 S 98			
Penn Yan	Club	Art and architecture	26	1 Jl 98			
	"	Egypt and Greece	51	21 O 97	10 Jl 98		98
	"	English history	25	18 O 97	10 Je 98		28
Plattsburg	Sum. sch	General	105	2 Jl 98	13 S 98	31	46
Port Jervis	School	American history and literature	108	16 Mr 98		8	175
Potsdam	Club	American history and literature	72	8 S 98			
	School	United States history	53	16 D 97	13 Jl 98		
	"	English literature	51	9 Mr 98	13 Jl 98		
Randolph	Club	England	35	3 Ja 98	14 Jl 98		
Rensselaer	School	American literature	48	5 N 97	13 Jl 98		41
	"	English and American literature	101	15 S 98	16 S 98		
	"	American literature	100	17 F 98	13 Jl 98		99
Rhinebeck	"	" "	100	25 F 98	13 Jl 98	12	54
Rochester	Club	Spain and Holland	64	29 S 98			
	"	Art and architecture	41	11 O 97	13 Jl 98	7	22
Rome	"	Shakspere	75	22 S 98			
Salamanca	"	Greece	52	7 S 98			
Saratoga	"	Italy	50	25 O 97	26 My 98		
Schenectady	School	General	50	3 N 97	30 Mr 98	14	66
Schenevus	"	American literature	50	14 Ap 98	23 Je 98		
Schuylerville	"	" "	75	23 O 97	15 Mr 98		111
	"	English "	50	22 Mr 98	13 Jl 98		39
	Club	Germany	50	20 O 97	23 My 98		26
	"	English history	101	2 Je 98			
Seneca Falls	School	American literature	25	20 D 97	13 Jl 98		
Sherman	Club		28	25 O 97	21 Je 98		12
	"	United States	26	31 Ag 98			
	"	"	51	26 Ag 98			
Silver Creek	School	English literature	100	19 S 98			
Sinclairville	"	" "	106	10 D 97	13 Jl 98		41
	"	"	103	20 S 98			
Stamford	"	General	75	15 Mr 98	7 S 98		
	"	"	125	7 S 98			
Stormville	Club	Italy	27	25 Ag 98			
Syracuse	"	Child study	51	20 My 98			
	"	Scotland	50	9 N 97	4 Ag 98		
	"	Holland	46	15 S 98			
	"	Russia	56	22 S 98			
	"	Greece	79	27 S 98			
	Center	Othello	148	30 O 97	4 Ag 98		257
	School	English and American literature	50	26 O 97	13 Jl 98		70
Tarrytown	Center	Egypt	53	21 D 97	13 Jl 98	17	53
Ticonderoga	School	General	89	15 D 97			
Troy	Club	Italy	28	7 O 97	8 O 98	12	50
Tully	Sum. sch	Economics	99	22 Jl 98	12 S 98		41
Union Springs	Club	United States history	51	20 O 97	3 My 98		83
	"	" "	75	23 Ag 98			
Utica	"	Shakspere	98	9 S 98			
Wakefield	"	English history	26	21 J 98	28 My 98	4	10
	"	New York state	27	21 S 98			
Warsaw	"	Music and America	100	30 Ag 98			
Watertown	"	United States history	103	3 N 97	28 Ap 98	12	71
	"	American colonial history	49	18 N 97	24 My 98		64
	"	Painting	50	26 Ag 98			
	"	Japan	53	10 N 97	6 Je 98	13	62
	"	Shakspere	48	27 Ag 98			
Waterville	"	England	27	11 O 97	6 Je 98		
	"	Ancient history	75	31 Ag 98			
	"	American "	25	13 O 97	31 My 98		53
Waverly	School	" literature	100	11 Mr 98	1 Je 98		101
	"	" "	78	16 My 98	29 Je 98		84
Wellsville	"	" "	25	18 My 98	13 Jl 98		

Summary of use of extension books, Oct. 1, 1897–Sep. 30, 1898 (*concluded*)

PLACE	Borrowing body	Subject	Vols.	Sent	Returned	Readers	Circulation
W. New Brighton	Club	India	26	3 N 97	1 Ag 98	.....	19
West Winfield...	"	United States history.	26	30 S 98	.....	.....	.....
Westport.....	Pub. lib.	German and French literature	25	17 My 98	.....	.....	.....
Wilson	Club	French literature.....	103	4 O 97	13 Jl 98	18	106
Wolcott	"	American "	50	10 Ja 98	10 Je 98	.....	89
Yonkers.....	"	French history	79	14 O 97	1 Jl 98	.....	.....
	" ...	"	79	1 Jl 98	.....	.....	.....
	"	Pedagogics	25	23 F 98	13 Jl 98	.....	.....
			18 763			1 074	10 025

Pictures

Wall pictures. Early in the fall, a list of pictures ready for lending framed, was sent to all institutions in the University. To this was prefixed this statement of the plan as now in operation.

A selection of wall pictures including architectural monuments, photographs of great paintings and historical portraits is now ready to lend to schools and libraries. These pictures are of the highest grade published and are mainly carbon prints with a few photogravures.

Sizes. The standard size frames are of quartered oak in two sizes, 30x43 inches and 21x27 inches (glass measurement), these sizes being adopted to allow the interchange of pictures. Two of the small sized pictures will be counted as one large picture. The small size is recommended when pictures are to be hung in small rooms. In addition there are a few pictures which do not fit the standard size frames.

Fees. The fee for four unframed wall pictures for half the academic year is $2; for four framed pictures, $3. Returns should be made in or before the January and June examination weeks. Transportation charges both ways are paid by the University.

Frames. As these pictures are lent on the traveling library plan, the frames correspond to bookcases. To save cost of transportation and danger of breaking glass, the frames will be left at the institution as long as it is borrowing pictures. When new pictures are sent the old ones are taken from the frames by turning the buttons which hold in the back boards and are returned in the same packing in which they came. Institutions wishing to supply their own frames and glass and thus save $1 on the fee for each four pictures may retain those sent at their wholesale cost ($3 for the large frames and $1.75 for the small ones).

This in detail has thus far worked well. Our collection now includes 578 wall pictures. The table showing the borrowers follows.

Wall pictures

PLACE	Borrowing body	No.	Sent	Returned
Albany	School	9	9 S 98	
	"	27	29 S 98	
Binghamton	"	4	13 Ja 98	28 Je 98
Buffalo	"	4	9 O 97	
	"	4	29 Ja 98	17 Je 98
	"	19	22 S 98	
Cambridge	"	4	31 Ja 98	28 Je 98
Canajoharie	"	8	9 Ag 98	
Canandaigua	"	4	27 Ja 98	17 Je 98
	"	8	8 S 98	
Chautauqua	Sum. sch	4	20 Jl 98	1 S 98
Chittenango	School	4	2 F 98	28 Je 98
Geneva	"	4	27 Ja 98	13 S 98
	"	4	23 S 98	
Glens Falls	"	4	5 Ja 98	28 Je 98
Granville	"	4	19 F 98	Sold
Honeoye Falls	"	7	10 Mr 98	30 Je 98
	"	7	8 S 98	
Lawrence	"	4	17 Mr 98	30 Je 98
	"	4	19 S 98	
Matteawan	"	4	27 S 98	
New York	Library	12	31 Mr 98	
Nunda	School	5	21 S 98	
Olean	"	4	6 D 97	9 S 98
Oneida	"	4	7 Ja 98	30 Je 98
	"	4	9 S 98	
Oxford	"	4	12 S 98	
Plattsburg	Sum. sch	14	5 Jl 98	14 S 98
Poughkeepsie	School	4	23 N 98	30 Je 98
Pulaski	"	4	28 Ja 98	28 Je 98
Salamanca	"	5	4 Ap 98	2 Jl 98
Schenectady	"	4	10 Ja 98	30 Je 98
Troy	"	4	2 S 98	
Westfield	"	4	4 F 98	4 Ap 98
	"	4	14 S 98	
	35	217		

During the summer, the University bought the entire collection of carbon prints and photogravures which has been exhibited in the leading cities of the country by the Helman-Taylor co. of Cleveland, Ohio. From this collection many desirable pictures may be bought by University institutions at much reduced prices. Money spent for pictures is duplicated by the University on the same plan as for books. Acting on this provision, pictures have been bought during the year for several schools. In some cases, the schools were unwilling to return one or more pictures after having them on the walls for the half year, and they have then been permitted to retain the pictures permanently by remitting their actual cost to the University.

Photographs. The educational possibilities of this part of the work are only beginning to be recognized, but the increasing number of small pictures borrowed shows that the idea is gaining ground. During the year, 2117 pictures have been lent to 20 schools and clubs, while last year only 745 pictures were lent to five borrowing bodies. The University collection now includes 4413 pictures, and the subjects selected and places using them are shown in the following table:

Photographs

PLACE	Borrowing body	SUBJECT	No.	Sent	Returned
Albany	Club	Spanish architecture and painting	96	11 Ap 98	29 Ap 98
	"	Rome and Pompeii	100	9 Mr 98	15 Ap 98
Buffalo	School	Travel in Europe	200	4 D 97	16 Je 98
Chautauqua	Sum. sch.	England	118	20 Jl 98	1 S 98
Genesco	School	Greek style and Italian masters	100	4 Mr 98	11 Ap 98
Greenwich	"	U. S. history. Greek and Roman history	200	31 Mr 98	4 My 98
Malone	"	Old masters	100	21 F 98	25 Mr 98
Niagara Falls	Sum. class.	Art	100	3 Ag 98	13 S 98
Olean	School	Geography and art	100	21 Ja 98	30 Je 98
Oxford	"	Miscellaneous	100	17 Mr 98	"
	"	"	100	21 S 98	.....
	Club	Venice	100	1 Mr 98	12 My 98
Rochester	"	Roman history; painting	100	8 Mr 98	16 Je 98
Saratoga Spa.	"	Rome	120	22 Mr 98	18 My 98
Schenectady	School	Miscellaneous	109	15 Ja 98	30 Je 98
Syracuse	Club	Holland	13	15 S 98	.....
Troy	School	Old masters	100	29 S 98	.....
Watertown	Club	Art	100	28 D 97	23 F 98
	"	"	70	25 F 98	2 Ap 98
Westfield	School	Scotland. Italy.	100	4 F 98	4 Ap 98
	20		2117		

Lanterns and slides. Here also the largely increased number of applications shows the need felt by schools and clubs for the lanterns and slides lent by the University. 14 applications for lanterns have been filled while last year only five were called for and 6593 slides have been sent to 64 schools and clubs as against 3688 slides sent last year to 28 applicants. In order to fill the demands received we have increased the number of lanterns to 11 and slides to 7105. We are indebted to Prin. George M. Davison, formerly of the Pulaski union school and now of the Gloversville high school, for the gift of seven slides. One of the 11 lanterns is a stereopticon containing two lanterns as the single instru-

ments were found to be too small to give satisfactory results in larger assembly rooms. With each lantern is sent a screen and with the double lantern an attachment either for oxy-hydrogen or for electric light. With the single lanterns, attachments are supplied for oxy-hydrogen, acetylene gas, electric light, Welsbach burner or oil light, according to the preference of the borrower, who must supply the oil, gas or electricity needed. Tables giving information in regard to the loans of lanterns and slides follow.

Lanterns

PLACE	Borrowing body	Sent		Returned	
Afton	School	10 Ja	98	14 Mr	98
Albany	Club	11 D	97	18 D	97
"	"	25 Mr	98	25 Ap	98
Buffalo	School	1 Je	98	28 Je	98
Central Valley	"	16 Je	98	21 Je	98
Chatham	Club	1 Ap	98		
Dalton	School	4 D	97	8 Mr	98
Elbridge	"	26 N	98	13 My	98
Irvington	"	4 D	97	8 Ja	98
Jordan	"	14 Ap	98	9 Je	98
Massena	"	17 Ja	98	21 My	98
Oneonta	Club	3 Je	98	27 Je	98
Pulaski	School	19 Ja	98	21 F	98
Roxbury	"	2 D	97	4 Ja	98

Slides

PLACE	Borrowing body	SUBJECTS	No	Sent		Returned	
Afton	School	History, geology	200	10 Ja	98	14 Mr	98
Akron	"	Alaska, Mexico	150	3 Ja	98	30 Je	98
Albany	Club	Canada	66	22 O	97	1 N	97
	"	India and China	72	11 D	97	18 D	97
	"	England and Scotland	75	11 Mr	98	23 Mr	98
	"	Spain	118	9 Je	98	13 Jl	98
	"	Holyland	87	25 Mr	98	25 Ap	98
	School	English history	80	15 Mr	98	19 Ap	98
	"	Switzerland	32	4 Mr	98	8 Mr	98
	"	Naples and Pompeii	54	20 Ja	98	11 F	98
	"	Travel in Europe	115	24 F	98	26 F	98
Albion	Club	Ancient Greece	151	17 Ja	98	15 F	98
	School	Norway	100	20 N	97	24 D	97
Allegany	"	English and U. S. history	100	19 Ap	98	10 Je	98
Belmont	"	Hudson river	95	7 O	97	10 D	97
Binghamton	Club	Palestine	95	4 F	98	21 My	98
Buffalo	"	Russia	73	16 Ap	98	12 My	98
	"	Zoology	392	27 Ap	98	18 Jl	98

Slides (*concluded*)

PLACE	Borrowing body	SUBJECTS	No.	Sent	Returned
Buffalo	Club	Naples and Venice	95	8 F 98	21 F 98
	School	France, Alaska	300	30 O 97	8 Je 98
	"	Travel in Europe	324	26 N 97	"
	"	U. S. history	106	9 F 98	22 Jl 98
	"	West Indies	52	14 Mr 98	"
	"	U. S. history	73	21 Ap 98	.....
	"	England, Scotland and Ireland	170	28 My 98	28 Je 98
Canandaigua	"	Hawaiian islands	94	19 Ja 98	4 Ap 98
Claverack	Club	Egypt, Babylonia and Assyria	100	1 F 98	23 F 98
Clifton Spr.	School	U. S. history; New York state	100	9 S 98	5 N 98
Dalton	"	Alaska	100	4 D 97	8 Mr 98
Elbridge	"	New York state	100	26 N 97	13 My 98
FarRockaway	"	Florence and Rome	100	17 My 98	3 Je 98
	"	American scenery	95	4 Je 98	18 Je 98
Fort Edward	Club	Russia	84	7 Mr 98	1 Ap 98
Herkimer	School	Greece	70	1 Ap 98	6 My 98
Hudson	Club	Egypt	100	11 D 97	18 D 97
Hudson	"	Greece	87	18 F 98	9 Mr 98
	"	Rome	100	2 Ap 98	21 Ap 98
Ilion	"	New Testament	66	21 D 98	18 Ja 98
Irvington	School	Revolutionary war	100	4 D 97	8 Ja 98
	"	Civil "	95	20 Ja 98	5 Mr 98
Ithaca	"	Paintings	59	4 Ap 98	29 Ap 98
Jordan	"	Geology	100	14 Ap 98	9 Je 98
Massena	"	English history	100	17 Ja 98	13 My 98
	"	American literature	94	19 Ap 98	21 My 98
New Paltz	"	Westminster	19	6 Ja 98	27 Ja 98
Oneonta	Club	Geology	74	9 Je 98	27 Je 98
	School	Greece & Rome	98	30 N 97	8 Ja 98
Ontario	"	New York city	30	1 O 97	13 D 97
Penn Yan	Club	Greece	98	18 Mr 98	19 Ap 98
Potsdam	"	Art	100	14 D 97	10 My 98
Pulaski	School	Klondike, U. S. history	100	19 Ja 98	21 F 98
Rensselaer	"	New York state	100	11 N 97	11 D 97
	"	Tour round world, Mexico	108	6 Ja 98	8 F 98
	"	Alaska	90	23 F 98	18 Mr 98
	"	Cuba	105	9 My 98	11 Je 98
	"	Revolutionary war	60	7 Je 98	7 Jl 98
	"	Hawaiian Islands	100	19 S 98	.....
Roxbury	"	New York state	98	2 D 97	4 Ja 98
Troy	"	Alhambra	36	10 My 98	27 My 98
Warwick	"	Roman history, physical geo.	100	7 D 97	20 Ja 98
	"	New York state	96	31 Ja 98	3 Mr 98
Watertown	Club	Old masters	102	10 F 98	23 F 98
	School	Ancient Greece	100	4 N 97	26 Ja 98
Yonkers	"	English & Scottish lake dist.	60	7 Ap 98	3 My 98
	64		6593		

SUMMARY

Comparative summary of work of public libraries division for years 1891-98 ending Sep. 30

	1891 & 1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	Deduct duplicates	Total
Libraries chartered	2	25	27	23	24	18	11	9	121
Libraries admitted	....	2	6	10	3	1	.....	....	22
Libraries registered	....	....	1	20	15	20	9	1	64
Unregistered charter	....	....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	....	1
Libraries under inspection	2	27	34	53	43	39	20	10	208
Library transfers approved	....	20	14	18	15	4	2	1	72
Certificates of approved circulation	....	....	3	6	18	22	26	....	75
Visits of library inspection	....	55	62	115	134	115	104	....	.....
Libraries receiving public library money	....	40	62	86	91	146	154	....	*a*207
Traveling libraries on									
Trustees applications	....	14	69	74	118	120	165	....	560
Taxpayers applications	....	9	47	61	84	106	113	....	420
Extension applications	....	23	19	59	120	183	203	....	607
Borrowers applications	....	....	4	18	26	29	59	....	136
Total	....	46	139	212	348	438	540	....	1723

a Total number of libraries receiving state aid.

STATISTICS OF NEW YORK LIBRARIES

Reports received from 938 libraries of 300 or more volumes have been summarized and the results are indicated in the following tables of totals, which also show the number in each class which are in the University and not in the University.

TOTALS

	Libraries in University	Libraries not in University	Total
Libraries reporting	732	206	938
Source of charter			
King George 3 of England	.....	1	1
Legislature	5	32	37
General law	19	27	46
Regents	112	.....	112
Belonging to University or chartered institution	598	80	678
Not chartered	.....	66	66
Relation to the University			
Department of the University	1	.....	1
Holding University charter	112	.....	112
Admitted to the University	20	.....	20
Belonging to University institutions	598	.....	598
Registered by the University	10	38	48
Not related to the University	.....	167	167
Class of books			
General	711	180	891
Law	.....	13	13
Medical	9	5	14
Theologic	5	2	7
Scientific	1	.....	1
Historical	.....	3	3
Pedagogic	1	.....	1
Statistical	.....	2	2
Pharmaceutic	4	.....	4
Art	1	1	2
Ownership or control			
Public school district	422	17	439
Public district	55	.....	55
Other public	18	7	25
Total public	495	24	519
Government	1	15	16
School	109	12	121
College	52	2	54
Institutional	7	61	68
Endowed	16	10	26
Membership	43	67	110
Parish	1	4	5
Private	.....	9	9

TOTALS (*continued*)

	Libraries in University	Libraries not in University	Total
a Support			
Endowment or productive property	37	32	69
Taxation	496	27	523
State aid	574	65	639
General funds of the institution	152	80	232
U. S. government	.....	1	1
Gifts	90	56	146
Private	.....	5	5
Fees	8	39	47
Local subsidy	4	6	10
b Terms of use			
Free to public for reference	52	56	108
" " lending	345	63	408
" limited class for lending	380	79	459
Subscription open to all	.....	31	31
" limited	.....	6	6
Private	.....	2	2

a Many libraries derive part of their support from each of several sources.

b Some libraries free for reference are also free to a limited class for lending and included under both heads.

General comparative summary 1893-98

	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
No. of libraries	600	704	723	806	869	938
Volumes added	225 195	246 751	258 741	296 498	324 687	373 615
" total	3 851 913	4 133 378	4 392 999	4 647 661	4 934 889	5 393 106
a Circulation	3 136 602	3 619 178	4 156 744	5 008 402	5 814 470	7 248 249

a Including the circulation of subscription libraries and of those free to a limited class as well as those free to the public.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF FREE LENDING LIBRARIES

The following table shows the free library resources of each of the 60 counties of the state with the circulation in each county, and this is further compared with population and volumes available. The counties are arranged in nine groups and the comparative rank of each county and section in these respects is indicated.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF FREE LENDING LIBRARIES AND COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION BY COUNTIES

The figures in italics and those prefixed to totals show the rank of each county or section

COUNTY	Population in 1892		FREE LIBRARIES		CIRCULATION OF FREE LIBRARIES				
			No.	Volumes	Total	Per 1000 population		Per 100 volumes	
New York	1 *1*	1 801 739	18	467 505	2 557 180	2 *8*	1 414	1 *4*	547
Kings	*2*	995 276	6	129 160	608 504	*32*	611	*7*	471
Queens	*8*	141 807	19	38 853	87 057	*31*	614	*26*	250
Suffolk	*20*	63 572	13	13 824	26 601	*40*	418	*39*	192
Richmond	*25*	53 452	1	940	2 700	*57*	51	*24*	287
Westchester	*7*	145 106	12	49 707	191 376	*12*	3 319	*11*	385
Rockland	*43*	33 726	6	10 328	37 707	*52*	112	*13*	365
Vicin. N. Y. city	2	1 432 939	57	242 812	953 945	6	666	3	392
Orange	*11*	97 760	9	45 056	143 154	*7*	1 464	*18*	318
Putnam	*59*	14 230	1	2 260	1 200	*55*	84	*59*	53
Dutchess	*16*	78 342	6	30 404	63 840	*24*	815	*33*	210
Ulster	*12*	87 652	6	9 276	42 750	*37*	488	*8*	461
Sullivan	*47*	31 860	1	1 350	2 060	*56*	65	*46*	153
Delaware	*34*	45 488	5	8 591	10 737	*47*	236	*49*	125
Greene	*49*	31 141	3	4 760	41 695	*11*	1 339	*1*	876
Columbia	*35*	45 205	8	12 615	11 915	*46*	264	*57*	94
So. E. counties	7	431 678	39	114 312	317 351	4	735	4	278
Rensselaer	*9*	128 923	6	43 381	52 251	*41*	405	*50*	120
Albany	*5*	167 289	3	9 005	39 534	*47*	236	*9*	439
Schenectady	*24*	57 301	1	5 954	33 354	*35*	582	*3*	560
Schoharie	*42*	34 194	4	3 871	3 643	*54*	107	*55*	97
Montgomery	*33*	46 081	7	10 748	56 888	*13*	1 235	*5*	529
Fulton	*39*	38 478	4	24 803	76 698	*2*	1 993	*19*	309
Saratoga	*13*	86 254	8	12 741	28 529	*44*	331	*32*	224
Washington	*32*	46 458	9	18 136	20 330	*39*	438	*51*	112
Mid. E. counties	4	604 978	42	128 639	311 227	9	513	6	242
Warren	*54*	28 618	5	13 309	38 628	*10*	1 350	*22*	290
Hamilton	*60*	5 216	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Essex	*46*	33 110	10	15 541	29 074	*21*	878	*41*	187
Clinton	*31*	46 601	2	2 818	14 630	*45*	314	*6*	519
Franklin	*38*	39 817	5	9 835	23 887	*33*	600	*29*	242
St Lawrence	*56*	26 542	7	14 914	51 598	*3*	1 944	*15*	346
Jefferson	*18*	70 358	9	7 330	14 170	*50*	201	*38*	193
Lewis	*51*	30 248	1	825	450	*59*	15	*58*	55
North. counties	9	280 510	39	64 572	172 437	8	615	5	267
Herkimer	*29*	47 491	9	24 046	85 753	*5*	1 806	*14*	357
Oneida	*10*	123 756	18	92 799	228 329	*4*	1 845	*28*	246
Madison	*37*	42 206	8	13 097	39 147	*18*	928	*20*	299
Onondaga	*6*	150 808	9	47 129	155 005	*15*	1 028	*16*	329
Oswego	*17*	70 970	8	14 457	16 055	*49*	226	*52*	111
Cayuga	*21*	62 816	7	42 208	41 308	*30*	658	*54*	98
Seneca	*58*	16 861	1	5 000	10 000	*34*	593	*36*	200
N. Cen. counties	5	514 908	60	238 736	575 597	3	1 118	7	241

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF FREE LENDING LIBRARIES AND COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION BY COUNTIES (*concluded*)

The figures in italics and those prefixed to totals show the rank of each county or section.

COUNTY	Population in 1892		FREE LIBRARIES		CIRCULATION OF FREE LIBRARIES				
			No.	Volumes	Total	Per 1000 population		Per 100 volumes	
Tompkins	*44*	33 612	6	28 969	45 772	*9*	1 362	*45*	158
Cortland	*55*	28 271	3	4 038	9 596	*43*	339	*30*	238
Chenango	*40*	37 602	5	5 950	5 961	*51*	158	*53*	100
Otsego	*26*	50 361	8	12 936	33 215	*29*	660	*27*	249
Broome	*22*	62 793	5	14 411	56 830	*19*	905	*10*	394
Tioga	*52*	29 675	6	11 752	34 167	*14*	1 151	*21*	291
Chemung	*30*	47 223	1	589	1 545	*58*	33	*25*	262
S. cen. counties	8	289,537	34	78 645	187 087	7	646	8	238
Schuyler	*53*	28 815	3	4 381	12 643	*38*	439	*23*	289
Yates	*57*	20 801	3	6 975	11 965	*36*	575	*43*	172
Steuben	*14*	82 468	12	36 989	71 574	*22*	868	*37*	194
Allegany	*36*	43 131	16	17 470	35 727	*23*	828	*35*	204
Livingston	*41*	37 010	5	18 625	26 004	*26*	703	*48*	140
Ontario	*27*	48 718	10	18 776	34 053	*27*	699	*42*	181
Wayne	*28*	48 259	8	11 150	18 937	*42*	392	*44*	170
Monroe	*4*	200 056	6	76 650	160 390	*25*	801	*34*	209
W. cen. counties	6	509 258	63	191 016	371 294	5	729	9	194
Orleans	*50*	30 762	6	9 347	21 113	*28*	686	*31*	226
Genesee	*45*	33 436	6	17 794	33 658	*16*	1 007	*40*	189
Wyoming	*48*	31 218	9	19 033	27 505	*20*	881	*47*	144
Cattaraugus	*23*	61 774	5	7 003	6 837	*53*	111	*55*	97
Chautauqua	*15*	78 900	14	42 035	136 904	*6*	1 735	*17*	326
Erie	*3*	347 328	11	116 171	703 244	*1*	2 025	*2*	605
Niagara	*19*	64 378	5	17 416	64 620	*17*	1 004	*12*	371
West. counties	8	647 796	56	228 799	993 881	1	1 536	2	434
Totals		6 513 343	408	1 755 036	6 439 999		989		367

Comparative circulation by counties. The following list of 10 counties with the largest free circulation in proportion to population shows Erie county first, circulating a little more than two books for every person. A year ago Erie ranked 54th among 60 counties. The remarkable change which has brought this county to the front is due to the work of the Buffalo public library now for the first time found among the free libraries of the state and reporting a circulation for 10 months of 669,445. Fulton county standing second, has increased its record of last year. St Lawrence has passed Oneida, Herkimer and Warren have fallen back a little, New York and Tompkins have gained materially, New York advancing from 1110 for each 1000 of population to 1414. There are now 17 counties which circulate more than 1000 volumes for 1000 population, a gain of five counties in the year.

10 counties with largest free circulation in proportion to population

COUNTY	Population	Circulation of free libraries	Circulation per 1000 population
1 Erie	347 328	703 244	2 025
2 Fulton	38 478	76 698	1 993
3 St Lawrence	26 542	51 598	1 944
4 Oneida	123 756	228 329	1 845
5 Herkimer	47 491	85 753	1 806
6 Chautauqua	78 900	136 904	1 735
7 Orange	97 760	143 154	1 464
8 New York	1 801 739	2 557 180	1 414
9 Tompkins	33 612	45 772	1 362
10 Warren	28 618	38 628	1 350
The following circulate 1000 or more to each 1000 inhabitants:			
11 Greene	31 141	41 695	1 339
12 Westchester	145 106	191 376	1 319
13 Montgomery	46 081	56 888	1 235
14 Tioga	29 675	34 167	1 151
15 Onondaga	150 808	155 005	1 028
16 Genesee	33 436	33 658	1 007
17 Niagara	64 378	64 620	1 004

Counties circulating 1000 and 500 volumes for each 1000 population, 1894–98

	NUMBER OF COUNTIES				
	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Circulating 1000 or more vol. per 1000 population	3	5	6	12	17
Circulating 500 or more vol. per 1000 population	14	20	27	33	36

The following list of 10 counties with largest circulation in proportion to volumes places Greene county first, which a year ago was seventh, and Erie county second. Clinton and Montgomery have fallen back a little. Albany county has advanced from the 15th to ninth place. The highest county record of last year was 765 circulation for 100 volumes. This year Greene county reports 876 circulation for each 100 books.

10 counties with largest free circulation in proportion to volumes

COUNTY	Volumes in free libraries	Circulation of free libraries	Circulation per 100 volumes
1 Greene	4 760	41 695	876
2 Erie	116 171	703 244	605
3 Schenectady	5 954	33 354	560
4 New York	467 505	2 557 180	547
5 Montgomery	10 748	56 888	529
6 Clinton	2 818	14 630	519
7 Kings	129 160	608 504	471
8 Ulster	9 276	42 750	461
9 Albany	9 005	39 534	439
10 Broome	14 411	56 830	394

Counties circulating 700 to 200 volumes for each 100 owned, 1894-1898

	NUMBER OF COUNTIES				
	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Circulating 700 or more volumes	.....	.....	.....	1	1
" 600 "	.....	.....	1	2	2
" 500 "	1	1	1	4	6
" 400 "	4	7	9	9	9
" 300 "	8	13	17	20	19
" 200 "	23	24	31	36	36

FREE LIBRARIES SHOWING A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF CIRCULATION

A list of 47 libraries which have circulated in one year 500 or more volumes for each 100 is given. 20 of the number are in New York city. The record of last year, showing 11 libraries that exceeded an average circulation of 10 books to one, is maintained.

Free libraries circulating more than 500 volumes for each 100 owned

No.	NAME OF LIBRARY	Volumes	Circulation	Circulation per 100 vol.
1	N. Y. free circ. lib. Yorkville branch	6 977	129 383	1 854
2	N. Y. free circ. lib. Bloomingdale branch	7 884	129 095	1 637
3	N. Y., Aguilar free lib. E. 110th st. branch	6 939	103 562	1 492
4	N. Y., Aguilar free lib. 5th st. branch	5 289	71 873	1 358
5	N. Y. free circ. lib. Muhlenberg branch	7 794	100 366	1 287
6	Catskill pub. lib	3 139	39 536	1 259
7	N. Y. free circ. lib. Riverside branch	5 270	65 623	1 245
8	N. Y. free circ. lib. Harlem branch	9 655	114 944	1 190
9	N. Y. University settlement free lib	4 157	49 480	1 190
10	Canton free lib	1 612	17 523	1 087
11	Fairport pub. lib	773	7 949	1 028
12	Oriskany Falls union sch lib	437	4 235	969
13	Ellenville pub. lib	2 455	23 555	959
14	*a*N. Y., Aguilar free lib	51 789	483 116	932
15	Alexandria bay, Holland lib	1 053	8 796	835
16	*a*New York free circ. lib	130 145	1 086 226	834
17	N. Y., Aguilar free lib E. B'way branch	23 211	189 582	816
18	N. Y., Aguilar free lib. E. 59th st. branch	16 350	118 099	722
19	N. Y. Tenement house chapter lib	1 044	7 470	715
20	Mt Vernon pub. lib	7 133	48 112	674
21	Plattsburg pub. lib	2 062	13 714	665
22	Niagara Falls pub. lib	5 052	33 488	662
23	N. Y. free circ. lib. Traveling lib. dep't	4 084	26 756	655
24	N. Y. free circ. lib. Jackson sq. branch	14 454	94 297	652
25	Buffalo pub. lib	103 096	669 415	649
26	N. Y. free circ. lib. G: Bruce branch	21 551	139 409	646
27	Brooklyn, New Utrecht free lib. Bath Beach	2 110	13 128	622
28	Camden lib. ass'n	1 544	9 563	619
29	N. Y. free circ. lib. Ottendorfer branch	26 925	164 723	611
30	Wadhams Mills free lib	193	1 171	606
31	Hamburg free lib	460	2 764	600

a Including all branches.

Free libraries circulating more than 500 volumes for each 100 owned (*cont'd*)

No.	NAME OF LIBRARY	Volumes	Circulation	Circulation per 100 vol.
32	N. Y., Webster free lib	7 683	45 258	589
33	Clinton union sch. lib	1 700	? 10 000	588
34	Newark free pub. lib	1 371	7 894	575
35	Riverhead free lib	700	4 000	571
36	Nassau free lib	690	? 3 900	565
37	Nyack library	4 741	26 708	563
38	Schenectady free pub. lib	5 954	33 354	560
39	Fredonia, D. R. Barker lib. ass'n	5 317	29 759	559
40	Utica pub. lib	25 091	139 336	555
41	N. Y. free circ. lib. Bond st. branch	21 783	119 589	549
42	Albion town lib	1 871	10 247	547
43	Canandaigua, Wood lib. ass'n	2 170	11 522	530
44	Cohoes city library	3 817	20 128	527
45	N. Y., DeWitt mem. lib	2 281	12 027	527
46	Albany free lib	3 498	17 553	501
47	Moriah, Sherman coll. inst. lib	400	2 000	500

FREE LENDING LIBRARIES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The following table shows the free lending libraries of the city of New York with their volumes and circulation as reported in 1898. They are arranged in each borough, in order of extent of circulation. A considerable increase over the reports of 1897 is seen in each of the three leading districts. This is specially evident in Manhattan where an unusually liberal appropriation for library purposes was made by the city a year ago. A comparative summary of the returns of the Manhattan libraries for five years is added.

Volumes and circulation of free lending libraries in New York city July 1, 1897—June 30, 1898

Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx

NAME OF LIBRARY	Volumes	Circulation
New York free circulating library (10 branches)	130 145	1 086 226
Aguilar free library (4 branches)	51 789	483 116
General society of mechanics and tradesmen library	114 820	269 893
Cathedral free circulating library	28 533	141 763
Maimonides free library	50 385	137 683
Harlem library	?25 000	117 575
St Agnes free library	4 780	72 771
Young women's Christian association library	24 947	64 827
Washington hights free library	12 717	50 006
University settlement free library	4 157	49 480
Webster free library	7 683	45 258
De Witt memorial free library	2 281	12 027
Manhattan east side mission library	3 101	11 517
Tenement house chapter library	1 044	7 470
Olivet church library	2 647	5 250
Broome st. free library	2 279	1 371
New York free circulating library for the blind	857	642
Beaford park club library	340	305
Total	467 505	2 557 180

Borough of Brooklyn

NAME OF LIBRARY	Volumes	Circulation
Pratt institute free library	67 016	326 259
Union for Christian work free lending library	40 422	201 295
Brooklyn public library (6 months)	9 576	34 256
Bay Ridge free library	5 492	20 566
Bath Beach, New Utrecht free library	2 110	13 128
Fort Hamilton free library	4 544	13 000
Total	129 160	608 504
Borough of Queens		
Long Island City public library	10 567	23 135
Flushing library association	6 400	19 608
Jamaica union school library	2 630	8 251
Lawrence high school library	803	3 104
Hollis public library	936	1 293
College Point, Conrad Poppenhusen ass'n lib.	2 990	856
Total	24 326	56 247
Borough of Richmond		
Tottenville union school library	940	2 700
Summary		
Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx	467 505	2 557 180
Borough of Brooklyn	129 160	608 504
" Queens	24 326	56 247
" Richmond	940	2 700
Total	621 931	3 224 631

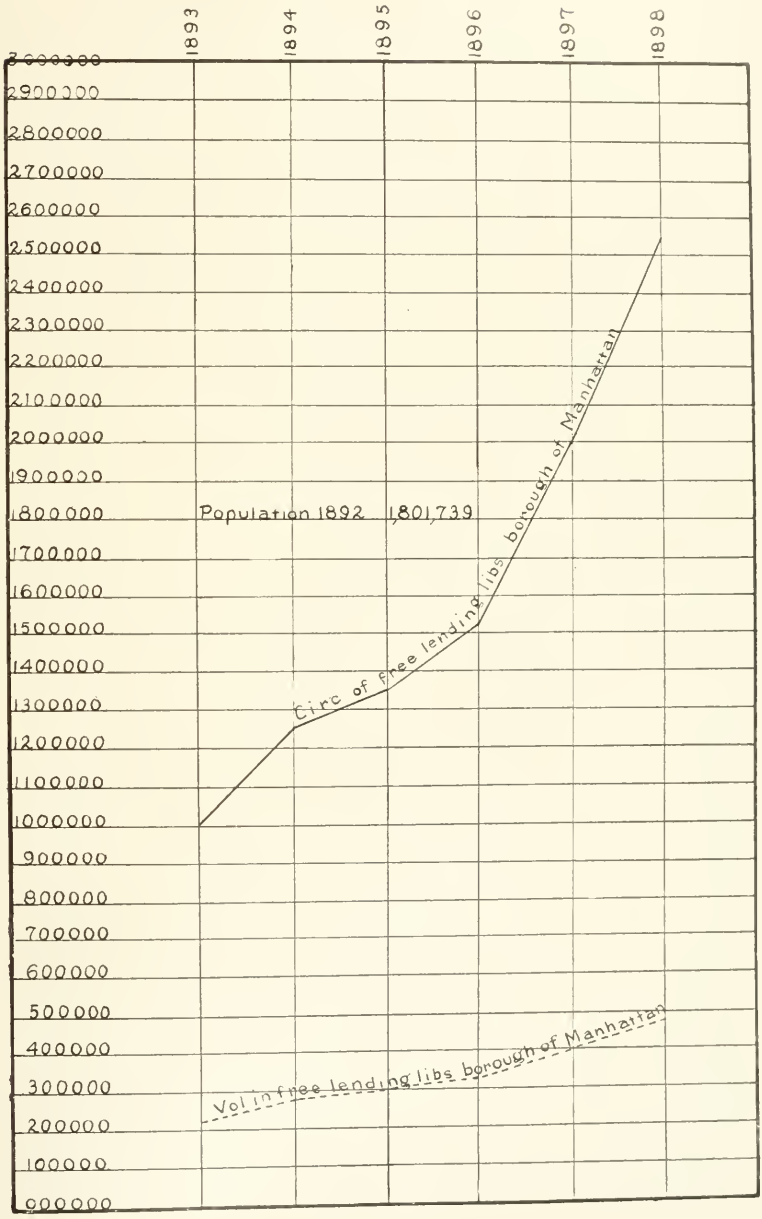
Comparative summary of free lending libraries in the borough of Manhattan 1893–98.

	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
No. of libraries (including branches)	11	21	22	22	26	30
Volumes	212 627	286 778	307 233	331 666	400 624	467 505
Circulation	993 055	1 252 701	1 343 464	1 516 711	2 010 541	2 557 180
" per 100 vol.	467	430	437	453	502	547

LIBRARY PROGRESS

The number of libraries reporting is 938, an increase of 69 over the previous year, about half of this increase being in the class of public libraries. The libraries supported wholly or in part by local taxation are 523, or 41 more than in 1897. Those receiving state aid in some form

Diagram 2 showing the volumes and circulation of free lending libraries in the borough of Manhattan in New York city 1893-98 compared with the population in 1892. Exact figures given on page 54.



library trustees to ask advice about judicious ways of limiting that careless reading which tends to swell the circulation and harm the reader. This is one of the serious difficulties with which libraries must contend. Some are inclined to limit books lent to children in school to two volumes a week, unless by teacher's advice and in connection with their studies. Others would place a limit only on books of fiction. The careful supervision exercised by the state over the character of books bought with public money looks in the right direction, but even in the use of approved books it is possible to read to excess. The remedy so far as there can be a remedy lies in the training of children by parents and teachers. The librarian if he can not altogether control can exert a healthful influence When libraries are commended for their large and growing circulation the praise should always be qualified with the proviso that it is of good books well used. It must also be remembered that some libraries that do not appear at all in the higher rank in these lists may possibly be entitled to praise for limiting their circulation.

It remains true that the public demands on free libraries for books is steadily increasing each year.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Library buildings. Albany free library has bought two buildings to secure a library site.

A liberal bequest was received from the late W: G. Swan to provide a library building for Albion.

Grosvenor library in Buffalo has expended over $1000 in new cases and furniture.

Hartwick seminary library reports new cases and shelving, provided by private gifts.

Long Island City public library has made extensive changes in the interior arrangement of their building and book-room.

Mt Vernon public library has been removed to quarters in the high school building.

The New York city library has been removed to new quarters in the city hall.

The New York medical college and hospital for women reports that improved library quarters are to be provided in its new building.

The New York free circulating library is erecting a new building for the Bloomingdale branch in West 100th street, to be done in September.

Several changes have been made at the Bruce library.

The Park department of the city of New York has contracted with Carrère & Hastings, the architects successful in the preliminary competition, to prepare detailed plans and specifications and to supervise the erection of the new building of the New York public library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden foundation.

St Agnes free library in New York has moved twice during the year, and now has comfortable quarters on the corner of 85th st. and Amsterdam av.

Niagara Falls public library has been moved into more commodious quarters.

Silver Creek high school library has been removed to the first floor of the old school building, which has been refitted for its use.

Stony Point union school library is putting in new book-cases.

Syracuse central library is erecting an addition 48x56 feet, and two stories high to relieve the crowded condition of the library.

Syracuse university college of medicine library has built a new stack to hold 8000 volumes.

Wyoming public library has received a building, bought through gifts made by Mrs Coonley Ward of Chicago.

In the new school buildings enlarged facilities have been provided for the Edmeston, Maspeth and Medina union school libraries and for the Mount Vernon public library.

Gifts and special additions. Alfred university library has received during the year 735 volumes, in three separate gifts.

Grosvenor library in Buffalo received as a gift the large dental library of Dr T. G. Lewis of that city.

Wood library of Canandaigua received in June 1897 a gift of $2000 from C. C. Loomis; and in May 1898 a gift of a like amount from Miss A. G. Thayer, to be known as the Adèle Granger Winthrop fund, the income to be used in buying books of permanent value to the library.

Colgate university library has received several gifts of books during the year.

Hilton public library received $100 as the nucleus of an endowment fund, to be known as the Luella Holt endowment.

Cornell university library reports a gift of $5000 from ex-governor R. P. Flower to found the Flower veterinary library; also from ex-president A. D. White the gift of the income from the sale of the "Warfare of science and theology," for buying historical works.

The American museum of natural history in the city of New York reports gifts of books from the duc de Loubat and Miss Laura P. Halsted.

Bryson library, Teachers college, New York, has received a gift of 800 volumes from Mr and Mrs S. P. Avery as a memorial of their daughter; also an endowment fund of $1000 from Mrs Avery, the income to be expended on this collection.

Arrangement and cataloguing. The following libraries report that the work of reclassification and cataloguing is in progress or completed.

Buffalo historical society
Grosvenor library, Buffalo
Buffalo Y. M. C. A
Glen Cove public library
Knowlesville union school
Manlius high school
Mexico academic and high school
New York genealogical and biographical society
Hebrew technical institute, New York
Newark high school
Syracuse university college of medicine
Union college, Schenectady

Miscellaneous. Amsterdam library is raising an endowment fund as a permanent memorial to the late W: H Robb, their first president.

Bay Ridge free library reports 20 to 30 working people using the reading-room every Sunday afternoon. Improved facilities in their new building led to a large increase in circulation.

Grosvenor library reports very favorable results from their new plan of opening on Sunday afternoon and evening till 10 p. m.

King's daughters public library, Haverstraw, has added a German department.

The trustees of Mt Vernon public library have established an endowment fund of $500, the income from which is to be devoted to the purchase of works on political economy, social science and finance.

Maimonides free library, New York, reports increased use in all departments, requiring additional shelving and an enlarged staff.

New York free circulating library has opened a new branch on 34th st. and the Muhlenberg branch has been removed to 23d st.

The New York free circulating library now has the two-book system in operation in all its branches. The open-shelf system has been introduced to some extent.

Washington hights free library, New York, has inaugurated a system of life memberships of $100 each.

Webster free circulating library has adopted the two-book system. The Bohemian branch last year circulated each book an average of 30 times.

Syracuse central library reports the opening of a children's room in the main library, and the starting of a branch in the west end of the city.

GENERAL LIBRARY INTERESTS

LEGISLATION

The Buffalo public library charter has been amended to provide for a board of five managers to be elected by the corporation, one each year to serve five years. They are to elect from their own number a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, the latter to receive a salary of not more than $1000.

The number of directors of the Brooklyn public library is increased to 21 in addition to the following ex officio members; the mayor and comptroller of the City of New York, the president of the council, the president of the board of aldermen, the president of the borough of Brooklyn, the president of the board of education and the directors of the Brooklyn institute of arts and sciences.

By amendment of the city charter the Syracuse Central library is to receive each year not less than two and not more than two and one half per cent of the aggregate annual tax of the city.

Library legislation in other states

In New Jersey a system of traveling libraries was established to be under control of the commissioners of the state library, viz, the governor, chancellor, chief justice, secretary of state, treasurer, comptroller and attorney general; the cost not to exceed the annual appropriation therefor. But no appropriation was made.

In Delaware the annual appropriation for the state library was increased from $75 to $100 with a special appropriation of $300 to buy judiciary reports.

In Maryland a free public library may be established by any municipal board and an annual tax of not more than five cents on $100 may be levied. Such action must be ratified by the voters at a regular municipal election. Nine library directors are to be appointed by the chief executive of the municipality with the approval of the governing board three each year to serve three years. Libraries established under this act are to be forever free.

In Ohio public documents are to be distributed through the state library to other libraries. County commissioners may receive gifts and bequests for the construction of a county public library building or for other library purposes, and may levy a half mill tax for the library fund. In villages of the first class the library tax is not to be included in estimating the maximum of taxes allowed.

In Iowa in cities under special charters the board of library trustees must report to the city council for each year ending December 31. The tax rate for library purposes, not to exceed one mill on the dollar (formerly one and a half mills) is to be determined by the library trustees and levied by the council. Of the special tax, levied annually for five years for the rebuilding of the state university, $41,900 are appropriated for books, and $13,100 to restore the library building destroyed by fire, and to restore and replace damaged books and other property of the library.

In South Carolina the state librarian elected by the legislature is to act under direction of the governor, the secretary of state and the superintendent of education as trustees.

In Georgia a library commission of five persons appointed by the governor to serve three years is created. They receive no compensation or expenses and must not be interested in any publication house or in the sale of books.

ACCESS TO SHELVES

An interesting feature of the year's development of library work is seen in the growing tendency to admit the public to the bookshelves so that books may be selected on personal examination by each borrower. Even in the crowded neighborhoods of New York and Buffalo the experiment has been tried with success, and with an important saving of expense for attendance.

In the Buffalo public library about 11,000 books are thus made accessible on the walls of a large open room, while the other 90,000 volumes are kept in the book stack as before. Entrance and exit to and from this new book room are by turn stiles admitting the passage of but one person at a time, and the borrowed book must be charged before the reader leaves the room. If the borrower prefers to send for a book by an attendant, he can do so by presenting his call slip at the counter outside. One or two attendants are constantly busy replacing books which have been handled by strangers but even this is found to cost much less than to handle all the books in the old way.

In several new branches of the New York free circulating library the books are arranged along the walls of a long room. Office space is secured in the center inclosed on three sides by a counter, so that the

supervision of the shelves is at all times complete, and by suitable rails and gates the movement of visitors is controlled. The librarians in charge find that their relations with children and indeed with borrowers of all classes are much more satisfactory under these conditions, and the value of the library is increased.

In most cases the reading room is on the floor above.

BEST BOOKS OF 1897

In January 1898 a list of 500 leading books of 1897 was printed and sent to 1000 librarians of New York and other states to obtain an expression of opinion as to the best 50 books of that year for a village library. The books were arranged in class order with author, title, publisher and price. From 157 lists returned a summary was printed containing in order of rank the 52 which received the highest vote, and 352 which received each five votes or more arranged in class order.

A careful selection was then made by the State library book board and a bulletin (Bibliography no. 12) was published in June, 1898, containing 212 best books of 1897, with brief descriptive notes. This final list was made to indicate by special marks the first 20 books recommended for a very small library; also the best 50 and the best 100 for libraries prepared to buy more books.

At several meetings of library associations the "best books of the year" were the subject of animated and instructive discussion. Some valuable papers dealing with this matter were contributed and subsequently published in the *Library journal.*

LIBRARY MEETINGS

New York library association and New York library club

At a joint meeting held in New York February 17, 1898, the subjects discussed were: Free lending libraries of New York city, Newark library building plans, Development of reference work in circulating libraries, for the general public, for children and for artisans, Some recent experiments in access to shelves in free circulating libraries, Mudie's select library, the best books of 1897 and the children's library league.

The officers of the New York library association were re-elected as follows:

A. L. Peck, Gloversville, *president*
W. A. Bardwell, Brooklyn } *vice-presidents*
Elizabeth G. Baldwin, New York }
W. R. Eastman, Albany, *secretary*
J. N. Wing, New York, *treasurer*

Trustees section A. L. A. On the same day and at the same place with the above meeting the trustees section of the American library association met with 30 persons present. The proposed New York state library legislation was discussed. A committee was appointed to arrange for a local organization of library trustees.

Reports of the above meetings are in the *Library journal* and in *Public libraries* for March, 1898.

New York library association. A meeting was also held at Utica, May 25–26, 1898, at which papers and addresses were presented on A reading room in the public library, The public school and the public library, How the library helps the school, How the school helps the library, Women's clubs and workingmen's clubs in their relations to the library, Home education, Work of library for children and selections of books. A report was made by the committee on library legislation and the committee was continued.

A report of the meeting is in the *Library journal* for June, 1898.

The New York library club held during the year five meetings whose dates and subjects were as follows :

Oct. 14, 1897 at Teachers college, New York; Children's rooms, A. L. A. post-conference trip in England, Philadelphia conference of the A. L. A.

Nov. 11, 1897 at Jackson square branch of the New York free circulating library; Disinfection of books, Exhibition of sketch plans of the New York public library building.

Feb. 17, 1898, Joint meeting with the New York library association.

March 10, 1898 at Pratt institute, Brooklyn; Music and the literature of music in the New York public library, in Columbia college and in the Brooklyn library, Book-hunting and bibliophiles.

May 12, 1898 at Columbia university, New York; Columbia university library, Proposed new building for the Bloomingdale branch of the N. Y. F. C. L., Early printed books in N. Y. public library, The University library.

The following officers were elected for the year :

A. E. Bostwick, *president*

Wilberforce Eames, *1st vice-president*

Harriet B. Prescott, *2d vice-president*

Frank Weitenkampf, *secretary*

Theresa Hitchler, *treasurer*

Reports of all meetings were given in the *Library journal.*

American library association. The association met July 5–9, 1898 at Lakewood-on-Chautauqua, New York.

Among the admirable reports of standing committees those on Legistion and state aid by J. L. Harrison, of Providence, R. I., on Children's reading by Miss C. M. Hewins, of Hartford, Conn., and on Traveling libraries by F. A. Hutchins, of Madison, Wis., are of special value. The leading topics of discussion were "Training of librarians" and "Home education." The work and influence of the several library schools and training classes were considered in detail. The value of special training for special library work was emphasized.

Papers were presented dealing with the use of reference books, museums of art, history and science, the work of branch and university libraries. Bishop J. H. Vincent spoke on the meaning of Chautauqua, which was subsequently visited by the association which held one session in the great auditorium. In that place the many-sidedness of university extension was discussed by Prof. R. G. Moulton, and papers relating to the Brooklyn institute and the educational lectures in New York city were read. An address on Yellow journalism was followed by a paper on the Endowed newspaper as an educational institution.

Special sessions were held by the large libraries, college and reference, elementary, trustees and state library sections.

The A. L. A. exhibit in Lakewood chapel was the largest, best, most suggestive and practically useful which has ever been shown. Publishers of books and pictures and manufactures of library fittings added largely to the attractions of the exhibit.

The work of the New York state library school and of the public libraries division was abundantly illustrated by collections, bibliographies, traveling libraries, sets of reports, blanks and circulars.

The large gallery of the Waldmere hotel was lined with plans and pictures of library buildings and the walls of one room were covered with material bearing on library work for children. Lantern slides of library buildings were exhibited at an evening session.

The attendance was 494, the largest in the history of the association. 174 were men; 320 women. 305 represented the North Atlantic states, 30 the South Atlantic and four the Gulf states. 142 were from the Lake states and six from Canada and England. 174 libraries were represented

The following officers were elected:

William C. Lane, Cambridge, Mass., *president*
Clement W. Andrews, Chicago, Ill. }
Katherine L. Sharp, Champaign, Ill. } *vice-presidents*
John Thompson, Philadelphia, Penn. }
Henry J. Carr, Scranton, Penn. *secretary*
Gardner M. Jones, Salem, Mass. *treasurer*
Helen E. Haines, New York, *recorder*

The papers and proceedings of the annual meeting are published as a number of the *Library journal* for August, 1898 and an extended account appeared in *Public libraries* for October, 1898.

Interstate library conference. An interstate meeting was held Feb. 21-22, at Evanston, Illinois, in response to a call sent out by the librarians of Evanston and Chicago. It was attended by 174 persons, representing the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Some of the topics discussed were: How to organize a library; Two book system; Fiction reading; Work with the children; State aid to libraries; Library legislation; Sunday school libraries; Binding; Pamphlets; Books in foreign languages for the use of the foreign element; Library buildings; Libraries and women's clubs.

Addresses were made by Col. J. W. Thompson, President Rogers of Northwestern university, Dr Emil G. Hirsch of the university of Chicago, and others.

Reports of the meeting may be found in the March, 1898, number of the *Library journal* and *Public libraries*.

Trans-Mississippi library congress

The congress was held in connection with the Trans-Mississippi exposition, at the Omaha public library Sep. 28-30. The program was under direction of Mr W: H. Brett, public librarian of the Cleveland library. 91 persons were in attendance.

Papers were read on: Library legislation and library commissions, Traveling libraries, Relation of womem's clubs to the traveling library, Value of the library to the community: *a* material value; *b* social and political value; *c* value in the education of the individual; *d* spiritual value, Special training for library work, Relation of the library to: *a* the public school; *b* the college; *c* the club.

Addresses were given, among others, by W: H. Brett, of Cleveland, and Archbishop Ireland, of St Paul.

Reports of the congress may be found in the *Library journal* for October, 1898, and *Public libraries* for November, 1898.

National educational association, Library department

The second annual meeting of the department was held in Washington, D. C. July 11-12, 1898. The present officers were re-elected, as follows:

L. D. Harvey, Milwaukee, Wis., *president*
S. H. Van Sickle, Denver, Col., *vice-president*
Myrtilla Avery, Albany, N. Y., *secretary*

Reports were presented by committees on Relations of public libraries to the public schools and on Reading lists and editions for the several grades of public schools; the former report being printed in full in the *Library journal* for August 1898. A new committee of five was constituted, to be charged with the duties of the two former committees, and $500 was appropriated for its use.

Papers were read on: Purpose of the school library, Connection between libraries and schools, Best literature for the early adolescent period, Reading lists for public schools.

A report of the meeting is in the *Library journal* for September, 1898.

Respectfully submitted

MELVIL DEWEY

Secretary

Albany, June 1, 1899

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